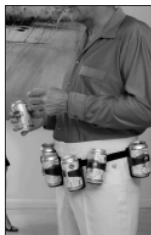


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Nation

Gay marriage dispute: Proponents of gay marriage told a judge that arguments over whether marriage is designed to foster procreation and whether gays make good parents are irrelevant to their case.

Twelve couples are suing to get California to overturn its statutory ban on gay marriage, a response to legal claims of two Christian groups.

Catholic abuse settlement: A record-breaking, \$100-million clergy sex abuse settlement between the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange and 87 plaintiffs brought some measure of relief to long-suffering families Friday, but legal experts differed over whether the blockbuster deal would help resolve a huge backlog of cases in California.

The agreement, reached late Thursday and expected to be finalized as soon as Monday, surpasses the previous record of \$85 million awarded to 352 victims of clergy abuse in Boston in 2003, a participant in settlement negotiations said.

Columbine investigation: A couple who say they warned authorities about one of the Columbine High School killers more than a year before the massacre wants the Jefferson County district attorney and four other lawyers disbarred.

Randy and Judy Brown, who contacted the sheriff's office in 1997 and 1998 with complaints that teen gunman Eric Harris had bullied their son, say the attorneys failed to disclose materials that could have been used as evidence in lawsuits filed after the 1999 assault on the high school.

Robert Blake trial: A lawyer monitoring the investigation into the theft of a computer containing key records of actor Robert Blake's defense said Friday the murder trial may have to be delayed.

James Blatt, the special master appointed to monitor the Los Angeles police investigation into the burglary, said the theft raises questions about whether the trial can start Monday, as scheduled.

Tiger escape lawsuit: Two people have filed suit against an animal trainer and a circus after a tiger escaped from its cage last year and caused a multi-car accident they claim left them with back injuries.

New York City police detective Maureen O'Malley and Quinsy's Wanda Colon of Queens are each seeking \$30 million in damages, according to the lawsuits.



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Atsugi Christmas tree lighting: Santa Claus is mobbed by children in search of candy canes at the end of the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Japan. The event featured musical performances by three children's choirs and was capped off by a visit from Old Saint Nick, who arrived via fire truck.

The 7-year-old, 450-pound Bengal tiger, Apollo, escaped as it was being transferred from a small cage to a larger one in Queens last July. Apollo strolled past a church picnic and into a residential neighborhood, then crossed the Jackie Robinson Parkway, where the collisions occurred.

Segregation amendment: A statewide recount showed that Alabama narrowly voted to keep language in the state constitution supporting segregation and poll taxes, according to unofficial totals released Friday. Secretary of State Nancy Workley said voters defeated the amendment by just 1,850 votes out of more than 1.3 million cast.

Elizabeth Smart case: A judge ordered a new round of competency evaluations in the Elizabeth Smart kidnapping case Friday after the suspect broke out in a Christmas hymn at a court hearing.

Judge Judith Atherton's order came after Brian David Mitchell closed his eyes and sang, "Oh come, oh come, Immanuel," the name he used as a street preacher.

After about 40 seconds of the tune, the judge ordered Mitchell from the courtroom. Mitchell's lawyers said he had grown increasingly delusional in jail since September, when the judge declared him competent after seven months of dueling evaluations.

Business

Error case: Nearly one-third of potential Houston-area jurors surveyed on behalf of former Enron Corp. CEO Jeffrey Skilling said they associate his name with words like "evil" and "pig," but the two-thirds who don't show he and company founder Kenneth Lay can face a fair jury at home, federal prosecutors said in a court filing Friday.

The government minimized Skilling's argument that the yet-unscheduled trial must be moved outside of Texas to select an impartial jury.

U.S. District Judge Sim Lake has yet to rule on the issue.

War on terrorism

Germans arrest terror suspect: German authorities Saturday arrested a fourth man on suspicion of involvement in an al-Qaida-linked group's alleged plot to attack Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi during his visit to Berlin this week.

Meanwhile, the three Iraqis already in custody for their alleged roles in the plot denied the accusations against them during questioning Saturday by a judge. Der Spiegel reported Saturday. The judge will decide whether to issue an arrest warrant against them.

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Army, Navy teams battle for bragging rights

GIs best sailors as Pacific bases hold pre-game competitions

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN

Stars and Stripes

TORI STATION, Okinawa — While soldiers, sailors and Marines had to wait until approximately 8 a.m. Sunday to determine who would have bragging rights after the annual "America's Classic" Army-Navy game, troops throughout the Pacific were able to declare their own winner a day early after their own flag football games.

At Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, overcast skies but pleasant temperatures greeted 200 or so spectators, a handful of distinguished visitors and bands representing both services at the third such game played between Yokosuka sailors and Camp Zama soldiers.

Elaborate pregame ceremonies preceded the contest, and after the final whistle, players on both teams convened for a postgame meal.

On Okinawa, stands were packed at Tori Station and fans lined the guardrail of an overlooking parking lot to watch the action. While skies were threatening with the remnants of Typhoon Nannadol nearby, the rain stayed away until the end of the



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Army Sgt. Alison Davis wears a Navy uniform with fake injuries to support Army players during the game at Tori Station, Okinawa. While Navy didn't get beaten as badly as she predicted, the team did lose by a field goal in overtime.

fourth quarter, when there was a light sprinkle, but the winds were always present. Strong gusts wreaked havoc on the team that was trying to play into it.

Fans good-naturedly heckled one another throughout the game, but one Army fan took it to the next level, wearing a Navy uniform and sporting a fake black eye and bloody nose. A bandage wrapped around her head said "Go Army" and a sign pinned to her back read "The Army 'whooped' my Navy @#!!"

"I'm just proving a point that they're going to get beat down," said Army Sgt. Alison Davis, who would say only that she received the Navy uniform from a "confidential source." "It's a little embarrassing wearing a Navy uniform, but it's all in good fun though."

Davis said she was hoping to be on the field to play, but a recently broken hand kept her out of the action. She said next year she'll



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Don Lewis, left, of Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, defends against receiver Jerry Jones of Camp Zama during the third annual Army-Navy flag football game held Saturday at Yokosuka. The event pits sailors from Yokosuka and soldiers from Camp Zama to commemorate the college rivalry. Navy won 19-18.

be playing for sure.

Before Davis riled up Navy fans by venturing to the Navy side of the field during halftime, awards were handed out for a youth Punt, Pass and Kick competition that was held earlier in the day. Each team's cheerleaders performed a routine, and Okinawan drummers put on a short show.

Chief Petty Officer Mike Haas came out to Saturday's game to watch some of his sailors participate, some playing and others

cheerleading.

He was confident the Navy would take control in the second half of the game, when players would have the wind behind them in the third quarter.

"I'm surprised to see both teams moving the ball so well against this wind," Haas said. "But Navy is going to open it up."

Sure enough, Navy took a 10-point lead, but blew it in the last minute of the game and lost 30-27 in overtime.

At Yongsan Garrison, South

Korea, festivities began long before the 10 a.m. kickoff, as each service staged its own bonfire and pep rally the night before on Yongsan.

But horrid weather dampened the proceedings in the latest installment of the Peninsula Trophy series and turned Falcons Field at Seoul American High, which hosted the game, into a mud fest.

Commanding officers representing both services presided over the ceremonial coin toss, but the crowd was somewhat sparse at 200, about a third of last year's attendance.

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Robert Trisby, in back, of Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, and Christopher Cox of Camp Zama leap for a pass during the game Saturday at Yokosuka.

See Sports for coverage of the Army-Navy football game

Pacific flag football score card: Army 2, Navy 1

For the second straight year, soldiers held sway over sailors by a 2-1 margin in the Pacific theater. Contrasting weather conditions marked the busy slate of Army-Navy flag football rivalry games throughout the Pacific on Saturday.

Navy edged Army 19-18 under beautiful skies and 50-degree temperatures at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, avenging the soldiers' 26-18 triumph last year at Camp Zama.

In a driving rainstorm at Yongsan Garrison in Seoul, Army prevailed over Navy 22-6, running the soldiers' winning streak to three.

Meanwhile, with Tropical Storm Nannadol lurking a few hundred miles to the southwest of Okinawa, Army rallied from an 11-point deficit in the final minute to deal

Navy a 30-27 overtime loss at Okinawa's Tori Station. It was Army's eighth victory in the last nine years.

The flag games are played each year to coincide with "America's Classic," the 105th Army-Navy service academy rivalry game, this year scheduled for Saturday at Philadelphia's new Lincoln Financial Field.

JAPAN

Navy 19, Army 18

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — In just the third installment of the Pacific's newest Army-Navy game, Robert Trisby, MVP of the U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League, threw one TD pass and caught another as the sailors prevailed in a see-saw battle.

Army and Navy bands played and a handful of command officers were among the crowd at Yokosuka's Berkeley Field in a game in which six touchdowns were scored but only one extra-point was made.

"Missed conversions was the story of the game," said organizer Matt Kalevich. Navy went ahead 7-0. Army cut the gap to 7-6, then the sailors scored just before intermission to make the halftime score 13-6.

The game's last three touchdowns were scored in the final 10 minutes. Army got within 13-12 before Kyle Rhodus, Michael Gay and Trisby teamed up to give Navy its final TD, on a 60-yard pitch-and-catch play. Army scored in the last 43 seconds on a quarterback sneak.

— Stars and Stripes

Navy leader praises training 'revolution'

BY BILL KACZOR
The Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — The Navy's top officer said a "revolution in training" using the Internet and other technology is making sweeping changes in his service as he welcomed a new leader to the reform effort Friday.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vernon Clark said that Vice Adm. J. Kevin Moran,

whose previous job was to implement training policies, was the ideal person to now set those policies as the Navy's new "chief learning officer."

Using the Internet, CD-ROMs and other distance-learning technology, some training has shifted from classrooms to the field.

It also more narrowly focuses curriculum so sailors don't get bogged down with information they'll never use and sailors studies to individual needs.

"It's the most transformational undertaking that we have in place and the most transformational undertaking I have seen in my Navy career," Clark said during a change of command ceremony.

Moran took over the Naval Education and Training Command, based at Pensacola Naval Air Station, from retiring Vice Adm. Alfred G. Harms Jr.

Harms began the revolution more than two years ago at Clark's behest.

The new program focuses on sailors instead of hardware, Harms said in an interview before the ceremony. "We, in fact, now train to leverage our sailors' strength as opposed to making them bend and fit the equipment," he said.

The distance learning element means sailors no longer must wait for training they need to advance, Moran said. They can learn aboard ship or virtually anywhere else.

Navy pushes higher education as key to advancement

BY LEO SHANE III
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Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Enlisted sailors may have to hit the books if they want to reach the highest ranks.

A new Navy military education plan, which in part guides professional development for all sailors, outlines general goals for emphasizing continuing education courses and college-level degrees for all enlisted personnel.

Ed Barker, spokesman for the Naval Education and Training Command, said officials hope by 2010 to mandate associate and bachelor's degrees for sailors advancing to senior ranks, though no specific timetables or benchmarks have been set.

"The goal is to tell a young [sailor] now that if he plans to make senior chief, he should include education," he said. "There is going

to come a time when, if you don't have that degree, it could hurt you."

In announcing the education plan last month, Vice Adm. Alfred G. Harms Jr. said higher education is essential for enlisted servicemen "to better prepare them to operate 'tomorrow's fleet' and to ensure they are prepared to take over leadership roles in the Navy."

Currently, servicemen are being promoted to the highest enlisted ranks must graduate from the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy in Rhode Island. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. David Egernier, spokesman

for the academy, said the proposed rule change likely would not affect operations there, since most of their courses are specialized military management lessons.

"Their thrust here is not to get college credits, even though some of our courses count as undergraduate credits," he said. "But it's understood that it helps everyone to have a degree."

Petty Officer 2nd Class Elias Sanchez, 32, is working on a master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma's satellite campus in Naples, Italy, and called the plan a "positive challenge" for all sailors.

"It's made me a better sailor," he said. "I feel more confident, and the more and better the education, the better my world view. The way the world is, it's so complicated, we need more formal studies."

Navy leaders have been sup-

portive in encouraging sailors to pursue higher education when they're assigned to shore duty, Sanchez said. Next, they'll have to tackle making it easy to earn degrees while underway on ship.

Officials from the other services said none requires collegiate degrees for promotion through the enlisted ranks, although all three do consider higher education as a major factor in military advancement.

Cmdr. Ron Hill, spokesman for the Chief of Naval Personnel, said about 2.5 percent of the Navy's enlisted sailors have bachelor's degrees or higher. Naval equipment and support services are becoming more complex, he said, and the sailors will have to keep up with those demands.

"It's another way to create healthy competition for promotions," Hill said. "It's about trying to create a slightly more selective force."



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Yokota's Fussa Gate reopening Monday

BY VANCE LITTLE
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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Motorists will have access to Fussa Gate starting Monday — nearly a month ahead of schedule.

After receiving a \$1.8 million facelift that began in late August, Yokota's main entrance is reopening to vehicle traffic, which figures to ease rush-hour congestion — particularly near residential areas on the base's east and west sides.

It wasn't slated to reopen until the new year, but construction was finished early.

The renovations were aimed at upgrading security, streamlining traffic flow and polishing the gate's overall appearance, base officials said.

"This will enhance force protection and make it easier to get in and out of the base," said 1st Lt. Warren Comer, a 374th Airlift Wing spokesman. "It also makes it easier for security forces to do their jobs."

Similar improvements have been made to the base's other gates in an effort that started in September 2003.

Fussa Gate remained open 24

hours a day to pedestrian traffic as workers completed the project, and that policy won't change. Vehicle traffic will be permitted only between 5 a.m. and 11 p.m.

Guest passes are issued around the clock at the Visitor Control Center inside the gate. The Terminal Gate no longer will process visitor passes.

Drivers may use the Supply Gate Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., while the South Gate remains a weekday option from 7 to 8 a.m. for inbound motorists and 4 to 6 p.m. for those leaving the base.

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Rumsfeld to remain in post for second term

BY TERENCE HUNT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Overcoming criticism about his handling of Iraq, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has won a strong vote of confidence from President Bush and will remain at the Pentagon.

It settles one of the last major questions about who goes and who stays in the second-term Cabinet.

Rumsfeld's future was sealed in an Oval Office meeting with Bush on Monday but not announced until Friday.

Rumsfeld's tenure has been marked by unanticipated post-war violence in Iraq and more than 1,250 U.S. deaths, as well as enormous increases in spending on the military after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Despite controversies, the hawkish, sometimes acid-tongued Rumsfeld has kept Bush's confidence.

Rumsfeld also has a long history of influential support from Vice President Dick Cheney from their days together in the Ford administration in the



Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, whose future had been in doubt amid spreading violence and U.S. deaths in Iraq, has agreed to remain at the Pentagon in the administration's second term, the White House announced Friday.

mid-1970s.

Rumsfeld has a full plate: continuing military operations in Iraq, focused now on securing the country ahead of January elec-

tions; the ongoing effort in Afghanistan and a plan to modernize the military.

Bush believes Rumsfeld is "the right person at this moment in

our history in fighting the war on terror to lead our armed forces," a senior administration official said in describing the president's decision.

The secretary's future had been the subject of much speculation, after revelations about abuses at Abu Ghraib and other U.S.-run prisons in Iraq. Though Bush steadfastly backed his defense chief — one of the more hawkish members of his administration — Rumsfeld had many detractors in Congress and the military.

It had been widely believed at the Pentagon that Rumsfeld wanted to stay on, at least for a time, in order to oversee the continuing transition in Iraq and shepherd his plan for a fundamental transformation and modernization of the U.S. military.

Rumsfeld, 72, is the oldest person to serve as secretary of defense. He also was the youngest when he ran the Pentagon for President Ford.

Rumsfeld took intense criticism from members of Congress last spring when the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal became public. He told the Senate Armed

Services Committee that he would quit if he thought that would help, but not simply to satisfy the administration's political enemies.

Rumsfeld said he would take the blame for the scandal. After the completion and publication of several in-depth investigations, the pressure for him to resign abated during the summer.

In recent interviews, Rumsfeld had refused to talk about his future, except to say he remained committed to transforming the military to make it more capable of fighting wars of the 21st century.

Many have criticized him for failing to foresee the insurgency that has taken thousands of Iraqi lives and killed hundreds of American troops since Saddam Hussein's regime was toppled in April 2003.

Rumsfeld has acknowledged that the strength of the insurgency was underestimated.

It was not clear how long Rumsfeld's top deputy, Paul Wolfowitz, and chief policy adviser, Douglas Feith, would remain. Pentagon spokesman Lawrence D. Rita said Friday that Feith told his staff he intended to stay for a while.



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Abizaid defends sending more troops to Iraq

BY ADNAN MALIK
The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — The United States will boost its forces in Iraq to a record number of 150,000 in coming weeks because inexperienced Iraqi troops cannot ensure security for next month's national elections, the commander of U.S. forces in Iraq said Saturday.

Gen. John Abizaid, head of U.S. Central Command, said "it had been our hope" that troop increases before the Jan. 30 election would consist mostly of Iraqis.

But "while the Iraqi troops are larger in number than they used to be, those forces have to be seasoned more, trained more. So, it's necessary to bring more American forces," he said.

The United States currently has about 138,000 troops in Iraq. On Wednesday, the Pentagon said the deployment would increase to about 150,000 by mid-January — slightly more than during the 2003 invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein's regime.

Most of that increase will come through extending until March the tours of duty of more than 10,000 soldiers and Marines originally scheduled to return home in January. The extension affects 2,300 troops from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, including 900 Okinawa-based Marines.

Abizaid said the U.S. military presence needed strengthening "to ensure that there is enough security for the elections." In the first popular vote since Saddam's ouster,

Iraqis will choose a 275-member assembly that will write a permanent constitution.

"We have to understand that the elections are not going to be perfect, but it is important that elections happen," Abizaid said on the sidelines of a regional security conference in Bahrain.

Iraqi National Security Adviser Qasim Dawoud, who also attended the conference, welcomed the increase in American troops.

In September, President Bush said Iraq's government governmented almost 100,000 trained and combat-ready Iraqis, including police, national guardsmen and army soldiers. He predicted then the total would rise to 125,000 by Dec. 31.

Abizaid said those forces were "constant-

ly improving," but they needed more mechanized forces and more leaders.

Abizaid also said Iraq's neighbors — specifically Syria and Iran — must stop groups within their borders who are trying to destabilize Iraq. However, he made a rare U.S. acknowledgment of improvement, saying, "Things are better now than they were a month ago, but things are still not good enough."

"All governments that border Iraq should assist the Iraqis in achieving stability ... without influencing the internal dynamics of the politics," Abizaid said.

A high-level summit on Iraq's security wrapped up Wednesday in Tehran, Iran, with Iraq's neighbors vowing to control their borders and stop the money transfers that finance terror activities.



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IN THE WORLD

EU supports Annan in face of U.S. critique

BY EDITH M. LEDERER
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The European Union threw its political weight behind beleaguered U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Friday but the United States again refused to back him and a U.S. senator reiterated his call for the U.N. chief to resign.

Outside the United States, there is no clamor for Annan's resignation, and the secretary-general has been picking up support from many of the 191 U.N. member states. He has the important backing of the four other veto-wielding members on the U.N. Security Council — Russia, China, Britain and France.

In a show of support from the powerful European Union, the ambassador of the Netherlands, which currently holds the EU

presidency, went to Annan's 38th floor office at U.N. headquarters Friday morning to express support to the secretary-general on behalf of the 25-nation bloc.

Earlier, U.S. Ambassador John Danforth, whose resignation as envoy to the United Nations was confirmed late Thursday, met with the secretary-general. Danforth said Annan's future wasn't discussed, but he refused several times to back him — virtually the same stance taken Thursday by President Bush.

Danforth was asked whether the United States had confidence in Annan in view of



Annan

Washington's calls for a thorough, comprehensive and objective investigation of the allegations of corruption in the U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq.

It's important that those interested in the success of the investigation "go into this with an open mind — and that means neither prejudging it on the side of innocence or the side of guilt," said Danforth. The envoy will return to his home in St. Louis when Bush's first term ends in January.

Several U.S. newspapers have called for Annan to be replaced because of the oil-for-food allegations, but Sen. Norm Coleman's demand for the secretary-general to resign made headlines earlier this week.

The Minnesota Republican reiterated in a CNN interview on Friday that the U.N. chief executive presided over the "greatest fraud and theft" in the history of the United

Nations.

"You need credibility and you can't have that if the guy who is in charge is still in charge," said Coleman, who is leading one of five U.S. Congressional investigations into the oil-for-food accusations.

The program began in 1996 to help Iraq cope with U.N. sanctions imposed after Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

It allowed Saddam's government to sell unlimited quantities of oil provided most of the proceeds went to buy food, medicine and humanitarian supplies to compensate victims of the 1991 Gulf War.

Two weeks ago, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations which Coleman chairs said it had uncovered evidence that Saddam's government raised more than \$2.1 billion in illegal revenue by subverting U.N. sanctions and the oil-for-food program.

Report: Japan may relax arms export laws

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan is considering relaxing its arms export laws to give itself leeway to deploy a missile defense system being developed with the United States and negotiate defense contracts with other nations, a newspaper reported Saturday.

The revisions — part of a sweeping defense plan for next fiscal year — would be the first

since Japan in 1967 banned weapons shipments to communist bloc nations, countries under United Nations arms embargoes or those engaged in conflicts.

Easing the restrictions would mainly free up Japan and the United States to jointly develop and produce a system to intercept a missile strike by a foreign power, the national Asian newspaper said. Government and ruling

Liberal Democratic Party officials agreed to submit the plan for Cabinet approval on Thursday, it said.

Defense and Cabinet officials couldn't be reached for comment Saturday.

Japan is in the midst of a major defense review prompted by concerns over possible terrorist attacks and a potential threat from North Korea. The North has be-

come one of Tokyo's biggest security worries, after test-firing a long-range ballistic missile over Japan in 1998 and attempting to build nuclear weapons.

According to Japanese media, the new defense plan, lasting from April 1, 2005, through 2009, will include plans to research and develop a long-range missile — an apparent reversal of Japan's post-World War II policy to maintain only a defensive military.

Philippines storm

PHILIPPINES — Helicopters delivered food to famished survivors and picked up casualties as the weather cleared on Saturday in villages ravaged by back-to-back storms that left 640 people dead and nearly 400 missing in the northern Philippines.

Officials, worried over rapidly dwindling relief goods, asked for more food, clothes, medicine and construction materials to help thousands of villagers overcome the devastation from the storm and typhoon.

N. Korea gas reports

SEOUL — North Korea on Saturday dismissed allegations that its scientists conducted poison gas experiments on political prisoners, saying they were part of an American smear campaign.

There was no way to independently confirm the allegations, which began surfacing early this year among human rights activists.

From wire reports

Activists: China put 5,000 people to death last year

The Associated Press

BEIJING — China carried out nearly 90 percent of the world's executions last year, putting at least 5,000 people to death, according to an activist group campaigning to end capital punishment.

China is one of 60 countries that still have the death penalty, the Rome-based group Hands Off Cain said in a report issued Friday.

It said other governments carried out more than 500 executions.

China's government relies heavily on the death penalty in an effort to reassure the public that it is taking action against corruption and rising crime. People are executed for crimes ranging from murder and rape to tax fraud, petty theft and other nonviolent offenses.

The figure given by Hands Off Cain for China's executions is higher than those reported by other human rights groups.

Amnesty International said in April that China put 726 people to death last year — nearly two-thirds of all executions reported. But it said that figure was based on incomplete official information and the true number was believed to be much higher.

Iran had the second-highest number of known executions worldwide in 2003 with 154, according to Hands Off Cain. It said that as a proportion of its smaller

population, the Islamic Republic "applies capital punishment just as much as China."

Iraq executed at least 113 people before former President Saddam Hussein's government was toppled April 9, 2003, the group said.

Vietnam executed at least 69 people, while the United States put to death 65 people and Saudi Arabia carried out 52 executions, according to Hands Off Cain.

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Miss Peru crowned Miss World 2004

The Associated Press

SANYA, China — Miss Peru Maria Julia Mantilla Garcia, an aspiring high school teacher, was crowned Miss World 2004 on Saturday night in this southern Chinese beach resort.

Miss Dominican Republic Claudia Julissa Cruz Rodriguez was the first runner-up, and Miss USA Nancy Randall was second runner-up.

Mantilla Garcia, 20, wearing a turquoise gown, blew kisses to the crowd as she was crowned. The title carries a \$100,000 prize.

Organizers said the winner was selected by page-



Mantilla Garcia

ant viewers voting by Internet, phone and mobile phone text message. Vote totals and other details of the voting weren't immediately released.

A total of 107 women from around the world competed for the crown in this beach resort on Hainan Island in the South China Sea.

"I'm very surprised but I'm also very happy," Mantilla Garcia told reporters. She said she wanted to do charitable work as Miss World and "help all the people that I can."

The pageant included performances by American pop singer Lionel Richie.

A panel of celebrity judges was on hand to pick the winner in case the high-tech voting system failed.

They included Australian television star Kate Ritchie, West Indian cricket legend Sir Viv Richards, Chinese fashion photographer Li Shaobai and Krish Naidoo, an Ireland-based businessman.

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Best chemistry? New awards for People's Choice

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The People's Choice Awards have added new categories to the upcoming ceremony, including favorite movies, favorite smile and favorite cartoon star.

There were 14 new categories, including favorite overall movie, favorite movie drama, comedy and sequel.

Additional new awards include favorite hair (Courtney Cox Arquette, Penelope Cruz, Jennifer Garner, Kate Hudson and Charlize Theron), and favorite "look" (Brandy, Cameron Diaz, Hudson, Scarlett Johansson and Natalie Portman.)

Previous nominees for the 31st annual People's Choice Awards

were announced in October, with Nicole Kidman, Julianne Moore, Lisa Roberts, Charlize Theron, Reese Witherspoon up for favorite actress and George Clooney, Tom Cruise, Johnny Depp, Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington for favorite male actor.

The nomination and awards process, formerly based on a national poll, has been revised to be compiled by Entertainment Weekly, the People's Choice production team and pop culture fans. The public can choose the winners online at www.pcawote.com.

Voting closes Dec. 13. CBS will broadcast the ceremony in the States on Sunday, Jan. 9.

Other new nominees:
■ Favorite movie: "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," "Fahrenheit 9/11," "The Incredibles," "Shrek 2" and "Spider-Man 2."

■ Favorite comedy: "13 Going on 30," "Anchorman," "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason," "Mean Girls," "Shrek 2."

■ Favorite sequel: "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason," "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of

Azkaban," "Kill Bill: Vol. 2," "Shrek 2" and "Spider-Man 2."

■ Favorite drama: "The Bourne Supremacy," "Collateral," "Finding Neverland," "The Passion of the Christ" and "Ray."

■ Favorite film villain: Bill in "Kill Bill: Vol. 2," played by David Carradine; Doc Ock in "Spider-Man 2," played by Alfred Molina; Elle Driver in "Kill Bill: Vol. 2," played by Daryl Hannah; The Fairy Godmother, "Shrek 2," voiced by Jennifer Saunders; Sirius Black in "Harry Potter and the

Prisoner of Azkaban," played by Gary Oldman.

■ Favorite animated movie: "The Incredibles," "The Polar Express," "Shrek 2."

■ Favorite cartoon star: Donkey in "Shrek 2," Elastigirl in "The Incredibles," Frozone in "The Incredibles," Puss in Boots in "Shrek 2" and Shrek in "Shrek 2."

■ Favorite on-screen chemistry: Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler in "50 First Dates," Kate Winslet and Jim Carrey in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," Kate Winslet and Johnny Depp in "Finding Neverland," Kirsten Dunst and Tobey Maguire in "Spider-Man 2" and Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson in "Starsky and Hutch."

■ Favorite country group: Allison Krauss & Union Station, Brooks & Dunn, Lonestar, Rascal Flatts and Sheryl Crow.

■ Favorite country male singer: Jimmy Buffett, Alan Jackson, Toby Keith, Tim McGraw and Willie Nelson.

■ Favorite country female singer: Loretta Lynn, Martina McBride, Reba McEntire, LeAnn Rimes and Shania Twain.

■ Favorite smile: Lindsay Lohan, Jennifer Lopez, Sarah Jessica Parker, Julia Roberts, Aisha Tyler.



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Hooters lawsuit backfires; chain must pay \$1.2M

ORLANDO, Fla. — A judge has thrown out a lawsuit in which the Hooters restaurant chain claimed that a Florida-based competitor ripped off its idea of dressing waitresses in skimpy outfits.

A U.S. district judge dismissed the case before it went to the jury, finding that "no reasonable juror" could confuse the waitresses.

Ker's WingHutts waitresses are dressed in all-black shorts and tops, while Hooters girls wear orange shorts and white tops.

Attorneys for Hooters contended during the three-week trial that WingHutts was so similar to their company that customers could confuse the two or assume they were affiliated. Hooters also argued the company copied its menu and the way it lights its restaurants.

Hooters was seeking \$4 million in lost profits. Instead, Hooters was ordered to pay \$1.2 million in counterclaim damages.

From The Associated Press

FACES

Nirvana box set finally sees light of day

BY GENE JOHNSON
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — After years of legal tussling, Nirvana's much-anticipated box set is finally introducing hundreds of thousands of fans to rare recordings and even living-room video of the groundbreaking grunge rockers.

"With the Lights Out" includes 81 tracks, 68 of them previously unreleased. It was initially planned for release in 2001 — the 10th anniversary of the album "Nevermind" — but a dispute between Courtney Love, widow of the late Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain, and the surviving band-

mates delayed the project. The sides resolved their issues in September 2002, allowing work on the box set to resume.

The set, which came out Tuesday, features three CDs, beginning with a Led Zeppelin cover recorded in 1987, and a DVD of rare performance and rehearsal footage—including nine songs rehearsed at the home of bassist Krist Novoselic's mother when Cobain was only 20. The DVD also includes the first performance of "Smells Like Teen Spirit," the song that launched Nirvana and Seattle's grunge scene onto the national stage in 1991.

"It is a true Nirvana fan's dream," said Seattle disc jockey Andrew Harms, whose

station devoted an entire weekend to the rare tracks. "You get to see how the band progresses. The whole box set tells a story, and it goes all the way to the end."

Cobain biographer Charles Cross agreed that the set, from Universal's Geffen Records, tells Nirvana's story well — a story that ended with Cobain's spiraling heroin use and suicide in 1994.

"It's not always a pretty story," he said. "The band wasn't always pretty, or always in tune. This is not Nirvana unplugged."

Seattle music writer Gillian Gaar first heard Nirvana when she was reviewing a Sub Pop Records compilation album in the

late 1980s. She was so unimpressed she didn't bother to mention the band in her piece, though she discussed almost every other song on the compilation.

She wound up becoming a major fan — and would later spend six years working on the box set, tracking down rare recordings and helping create a 60-page accompanying booklet.

"We were working with a 2001 release date, for the 10-year anniversary of Nevermind," she said. "Then the lawsuits happened. All this work we had done was put on hold, and we thought, 'Are we ever going to get back to this?'"

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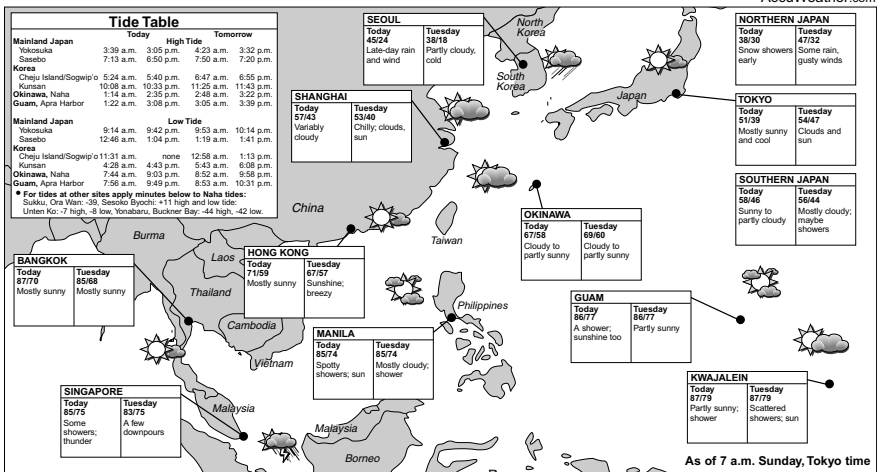
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22	COM Straight Point for the Gay Man A fashion executive is transformed. (CC)	The Daily Show with Jimmy Kimmel										
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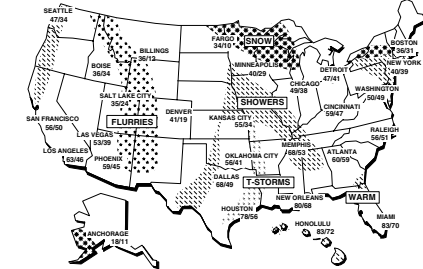
Extended Forecasts

TOKYO Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 56, low 43. Thursday: Partly sunny, high 53, low 45.	KADENA Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 73, low 63. Thursday: Showers, high 75, low 67.	SEOUL Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 39, low 26. Thursday: Partly sunny, high 48, low 32.	MANILA Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 85, low 74. Thursday: Clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 74.	HAGATNA Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 77. Thursday: Showers, high 86, low 77.
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Saturday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	47/31	Los Angeles	64/46
Amarillo	59/37	Little Rock	65/41
Anchorage	18/3	Louisville	59/37
Ashville	54/30	Miami	81/64
Baltimore	50/34	Milwaukee	48/32
Birmingham	63/43	Nashville	59/38
Bismarck	44/22	New York	44/36
Boise	37/24	Omaha	55/30
Boston	41/35	Orlando	70/48
Brownsville	70/63	Philadelphia	48/33
Buffalo	44/35	Phoenix	66/46
Burlington	38/30	Pittsburgh	46/36
Charleston, SC	65/38	Portland, OR	46/36
Charlotte	59/34	Portland, ME	33/29
Cleveland	48/35	Salt Lake City	37/20
Columbus, OH	50/35	St. Louis	60/36
Duluth	38/10	San Antonio	66/54
El Paso	55/43	San Diego	64/50
Hartford	41/28	San Juan	85/72
Helena	41/17	Tampa	69/53
Indianapolis	50/36	Tulsa	63/44
Jacksonville	63/42	Washington	49/36
Kansas City	59/36	Wichita	58/38

Monday, December 06



U.S. Extended Forecast

Low pressure will bring rain and snow to the Northwest Monday. Meanwhile, a storm in the southern Plains will spread rain from Texas northeast into New England. In New England's interior, precipitation may start as ice and snow before changing over to all rain Tuesday as warm air continues to push northward from the Gulf of Mexico. By Wednesday, the Northeast will dry out with just a few flurries left over off lakes Erie and Ontario. Meanwhile, another storm will batter the Pacific Northwest Wednesday with more heavy rain along the coast and snow in the Cascades.

Monday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	87/70	Iwakuni	56/42
Beijing	45/23	Kadena AB	61/48
Camp Casey	45/26	Kansan AB	48/34
Christchurch	59/40	Kwajalein	87/79
Diego Garcia	85/78	Manila	85/74
Hagatna	86/77	Misawa AB	43/29
Hanoi	73/67	Okinawa	54/32
Hong Kong	71/59	Perth	80/62
Honolulu	83/72	Pusan	56/39

Monday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	90/73	Budapest	40/35	Kabul	55/27
Aden	63/53	Buenos Aires	77/65	Kiev	34/25
Auckland	61/48	Cairo	78/57	London	70/48
Baghdad	60/39	Cancun	84/71	Oslo	40/38
Barcelos	87/70	Cape Town	68/51	Paris	53/45
Barcelona	50/39	Geneva	47/42	Rio de Janeiro	81/68
Berlin	41/38	Montreal	56/46	Rome	58/46
Bermuda	69/59	Moscow	72/52	St. Petersburg	36/28
Brussels	50/40	Johannesburg	84/55	Stockholm	38/36



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OPINION

Panel sees little of value in United Nations

New York Daily News

Well, Kofi Annan at least can thank his lucky stars that the United Nations' blue-ribbon reform panel did not specifically recommend that sons of sitting secretaries-general refrain from stuffing their pockets with shady oil money. But that's all the good news he'll find in a report that relentlessly paints Annan's United Nations as a bloated slug of a do-nothing organization that has utterly failed to be even semi-competent in any of its global missions:

"The biggest source of inefficiency in our collective security institutions has simply been an unwillingness to get serious about preventing deadly violence."

"Too often, the United Nations and its member states have discriminated in responding to threats to international security."

"We have been struck once again by the glacial speed at which our institutions have responded to massive human rights violations in Darfur, Sudan."

"The nuclear nonproliferation regime is now at risk because of lack of compliance with existing commitments."

"One of the reasons why states may want

to bypass the Security Council is a lack of confidence in the quality and objectivity of its decision-making. The Council's decisions have often been less than consistent, less than persuasive and less than fully responsive to very real state and human security needs ... very often acting too late, too hesitantly or not at all."

"There is little or no expertise for tackling many of the new or emerging threats." In short, says Annan's High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change, the United Nations is not even dysfunctional so much as it is altogether nonfunctional. Or, to put it another way, useless.

Which comes as no large surprise, but it's one more thing Annan will have to address sooner or later, even as cries for his resignation grow more insistent amid cascades of revelations that have cast such unflattering light upon his various cronies and kin.

It's just one thing after another these days in KofiLand, what with the disclosure that Saddam Hussein ripped off the United Nations' oil-for-food program for as much as \$2.1 billion and what with having to own up to the fact that young Koko Annan was paid \$150,000 or so by a contractor hired by the United Nations to



help monitor the program.

By "sooner or later," of course, we do mean "later." Speaking of glacial speed,

Annan's United Nations is not required to respond to any of the panel's harsh evaluations until September.

Report shows how leaders can make world safer

BY KOFI ANNAN

Over the last 10 years or so, the world has come much closer to achieving what is needed to achieve development and break the grip of extreme poverty. Three key international meetings — the U.N. Millennium Summit in 2000 and the U.N. conferences in Monterrey, Mexico, and Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2002 — have led to a remarkable degree of consensus on how to grow economies, alleviate poverty and protect the environment.

Whether we will achieve the eight "millennium development goals" we set for ourselves by the target date of 2015 is still uncertain, but at least we have agreement on what needs to be done.

Regrettably, we are still some way from a similar consensus on how to make the world more secure. There, things have, if anything, gotten worse in the last few years. A moment of global solidarity against terrorism in 2001 was quickly replaced by acrimonious arguments over the war in Iraq, which turned out to be symptomatic of deeper divisions on fundamental questions.

How can we best protect ourselves against terrorism and weapons of mass destruction? When is the use of force permissible — and who should decide? Is "preventive war" sometimes justified, or is it simply aggression under another name? And, in a world that has become "unipolar," what role should the United Nations play?

Those new debates came on top of earlier ones that arose in the 1990s. Is state sovereignty an absolute principle, or does the international community have a responsibility to prevent or resolve conflicts within states — especially when they involve genocide or comparable atrocities? A year ago, hoping to find answers to such questions, I appointed a panel of 16 distinguished men and women from all parts of the world and from different fields of expertise — politi-

cal, military, diplomatic, economic, social. I asked them to assess the threats facing humanity today and recommend how we need to change, in both our policies and our institutions, to meet those threats.

Thursday, they delivered their report, "A More Secure World — Our Shared Responsibility," with 101 recommendations for forging a common response to common threats. The report reaffirms the right of states to defend themselves, including pre-emptively when an attack is imminent, and says that in "nightmare scenarios" — for instance, those combining terrorists and weapons of mass destruction — the U.N. Security Council may have to act earlier, more proactively and more decisively than in the past. And it offers guidelines to help the Security Council decide when to authorize the use of force — both in dealing with external threats and in exercising its responsibility to protect people from mass atrocities committed within the borders of a sovereign state.

No less useful is the panel's achievement in reaching a consensus on a definition of terrorism — something that U.N. members have been unable to do over the years. It may not seem like a difficult term to define but, in fact, we were stymied. Some argued that any definition must include the use of armed force against civilians by states, as

well as by private groups, and some — especially Arab and Muslim states — insisted that international law as it stands is already clear in condemning large-scale use of force against civilians by states, and they agree "there is nothing in the fact of occupation that justifies the targeting and killing of civilians."

But the panel members (including several eminent Muslim representatives) point out that international law as it stands is already clear in condemning large-scale use of force against civilians by states, and they agree "there is nothing in the fact of occupation that justifies the targeting and killing of civilians."

If governments follow their lead — as I hope they will — it will be much easier for the United Nations to develop a comprehensive counterterrorism strategy and for me to take the lead in promoting such a strategy, as the report asks me to do.

The report also contains a welter of practical proposals to prevent nuclear proliferation, improve biosecurity and make the United Nations itself more effective, notably in prevention and peace-building.

Among the most significant changes recommended is the expansion of the Security Council from 15 to 24 members — either by adding six new permanent members, without veto power, or by creating a new category of four-year, renewable seats, which would be regionally distributed.

I believe either formula would strength-

en the council's legitimacy and authority in the eyes of the world by bringing its membership closer to the realities of the 21st century — as opposed to those of 1945, when the U.N. Charter was drafted.

Above all, the report clearly spells out the interconnectedness of our age, in which the destinies of peoples and the threats they face are interwoven. Not only is a threat against one nation a threat against all, but failure to deal with one threat can undermine our defense against all the others. A major terrorist attack in the heart of the industrial world can devastate the world economy, plunging millions of people back into extreme poverty, the collapse of a state in the poorest part of the world can punch a gaping hole in our common defense against terrorism and epidemic disease.

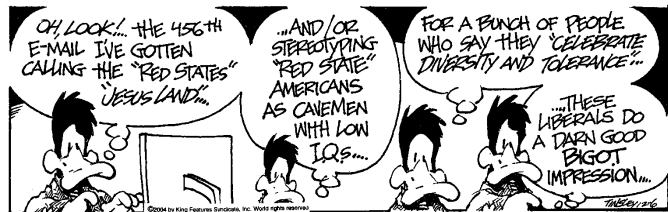
Few people could read this report and doubt that making this world more secure is a shared responsibility, as well as a shared interest.

It tells us how to do this and why we must act now. It puts the ball firmly in the court of the world's political leaders. It is for them to negotiate the details, but I strongly urge them to act on the main thrust of the recommendations.

Kofi Annan is secretary-general of the United Nations. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY





Artistic imaginations Artists Eva and Adele, a living art exhibit, pose for a photograph during Art Basel preview for art collectors at the Miami Beach Convention Center in Miami Beach, Fla. Adele said the purpose of their matching outfits, makeup and hair styles was to blur traditional gender boundaries.



Enjoying the snow June and Len Horwitz, from Kansas City, Mo., stroll along the Country Club Plaza through the heavy snowflakes that fell.



Christmas dance Ice Dancers' perform to "Sleigh Ride" at the Arkansas Best Corporation Performing Arts Center at the Fort Smith (Ark.) Convention Center.



Nuns on ice Sisters of the Norwood, Ohio and Minnesota convents of the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Our Savior congregation try to ice skate at the Northern Kentucky Ice Center in Crescent Springs, Ky.

15-year-old case arrest

AZ PHOENIX — Fifteen years after three infants died in her care, a baby sitter faces murder charges.

Amy Lynn Scott, 36, is awaiting extradition to Arizona from Georgia after a detective re-examined the evidence in the separate deaths in the Phoenix area over nine months in 1989.

Scott had gone to church with the parents of all three infants and lived in the same neighborhood.

The deaths of Zachary Mann, Shauna Cunningham and Jordan Whitmer were considered suspicious at the time but were ruled natural or unexplained because investigators didn't have a solid case against Scott.

Investigators haven't found a motive for the killings, and Scott denies any wrongdoing. She was taken to a Georgia jail and had waived extradition, but it was unclear when she would arrive in Phoenix.

Dog dies from bee stings

CA LAKEWOOD — A 4-year-old cocker spaniel died a day after coming under attack by a swarm of bees nesting in discarded backyard tires, authorities said.

Pinto was treated by a veterinarian after the attack and released but died at his home in this suburb 25 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles, apparently from the bee stings, said Capt. Aaron Reyes of the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority.

Pinto's owner was cutting brush in the yard when she disturbed the bee colony, according to Capt. Rick Tiberio of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

A bee expert who went to the scene estimated there were about 20,000 bees.

The dog tried to hide under a woodpile and bags of recycled cans.

Marijuana bale found

ME AUBURN — Drug agents are investigating how a 20-pound bale of marijuana got mixed in with a truckload of watermelons that were delivered to the Good Shepherd Food Bank.

The watermelon came across the marijuana while picking through the watermelons.

After the bale was discovered, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency was called. An agent quizzed the man who found the bale but quickly determined he had nothing to do with the illegal shipment.

More likely, a drug trafficker thousands of miles away in Mexico loaded the pot and either forgot about it or was forced to abandon the shipment, they said. The source of the pot isn't expected to be located.

Infant abuse rates high

AK ANCHORAGE — A state report says infants are physically abused in Alaska at disproportionately high rates.

Division of Public Health officials said studies from Pennsylvania, Colorado and Scotland found much lower rates than in Alaska.

According to the report presented at the Alaska Health Summit, 14 infants died from abuse during

the study period of 1994 through 2000.

Fraternity alcohol ban

OK NORMAN — Drinking will be banned at University of Oklahoma fraternities and residence halls under new policies announced two months after a 19-year-old student died of alcohol poisoning.

University of Oklahoma President David Boren said the rules will go into effect Jan. 15 at the start of the new semester. Three violations will end in a student's suspension for one semester.

The university also will set up a hot line for students to report violations, and will expand alcohol education programs.

Drinking is already prohibited at sororities.

Boren will present the policies to the Board of Regents for approval. Regents have been involved in creating the plan and support it.

Fatal hunting accident

VA STUARTS DRAFT — A Stuart's Draft man died and his uncle was arrested after what authorities described as an apparent hunting accident on family land.

Chad Mays, 29, died at the scene after he was shot in the chest by a high-powered rifle.

George F. Lowery, 50, of Stuart's Draft, was charged with reckless handling of a firearm and could face more charges, according to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, which handles all hunting accidents.

The shooting occurred while Mays and Lowery were hunting deer together on private land next to the George Washington National Forest.

Game Warden Capt. Mike Clark said the victim apparently was mistaken for a deer.

Ship runs aground

WI MARINETTE — A Greek-flagged freighter with a cargo of pig iron from Brazil ran aground in Lake Michigan's Green Bay, Coast Guard officials said.

The accident occurred about a half-mile east-northeast of the Menominee River in about 21 feet of water near the Michigan-Wisconsin border, Coast Guard Commander Mark Hamilton said.

No one was injured and there was no reported pollution. The vessel was not blocking the channel.

Hamilton said that officials were investigating whether there was damage to the Chios Pride, which was flying a Greek flag, and if it could be refloated.

Coast Guard officials were investigating whether a mechanical problem or human error caused the ship to run aground.

Alcohol ban

ID MOSCOW — Alcohol will be forbidden at the University of Idaho's Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity through the end of 2005, school officials said. The move follows the alcohol-related deaths of two members earlier this year. Jason Yearout, 20, died when the motorcycle he was driving hit a wall on fraternity property.

Passenger Jack Shannon, 19, was also killed.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

The moon and Big Daddy Jupiter are in Libra, the sign of justice. Strong emotions culminate around matters of fairness. Those who have held fast to a so-called "right" position will now consider that there are many versions of that and that versions which clash with their own, though inconvenient and annoying, may not be so wrong after all.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(December 6) Everyone is jealous as your brilliant plan unfolds! Desperping your relationship with your own intellect helps you understand the world better, love yourself completely and cherish loved ones openly. A career shift in January is in transition until March. A big check solidifies the change. Singles hold one relationship above all others in June.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Let's face it. Though you start out with noble intentions, by noon, you're ready to blow off your work in favor of scanning the area for new, exciting experiences. Don't fight it. A mini-adventure actually enriches your work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make an unforgettable entrance. It's about time everyone's head turned in your direction — your sensual presence is to be admired. If you're struggling with this flattery, take a serious look at what is hurting your self-esteem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) You pride yourself on being someone with a finger on the pulse of what's hip, what's now, what's on, but today, that pulse is flat and hard to feel. Honoring a tradition or participating in a ritual gets the energy flowing again.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) It's difficult enough to wake up, but enduring another drop-inducing meeting is the last thing you need. If you can't get out of a situation that has "deadly boring" written all over it, at least do something mischievous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're sure what's really going on, but it looks like a lot of work to get involved. If you must participate,

you're tempted to sulk onto the scene like a frightened kitten walking into unfamiliar territory. Instead, go in loud and proud.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're dealing with someone who has a social disability. When he or she clumsily steps over the line, you've got a choice: Avoid this person in the future, or point out the gaffe first and then avoid this person in the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You'll be made aware of a person to whom you never gave a second thought — up until now. It could even be one of those

where-have-you-been-all-my-life situations. Oh, right under your nose is all.

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Holiday Mathis



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Calvin and Hobbes



Jump Start



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Hi and Lois



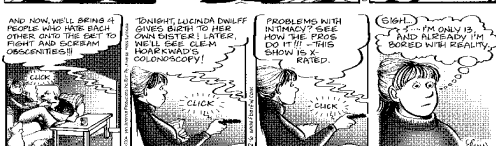
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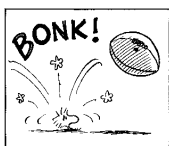
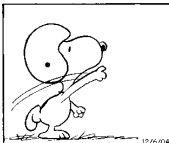
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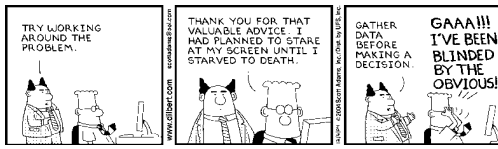
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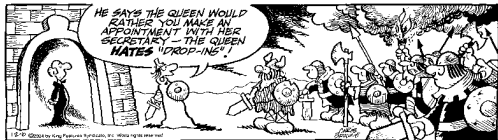
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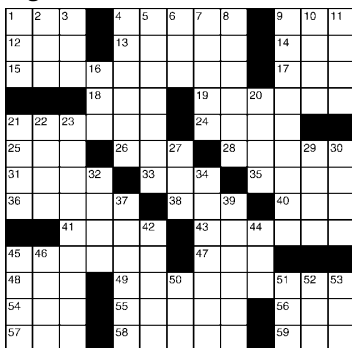
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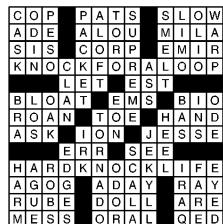
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- 4 Recreation
- 9 Von maiden
- 12 Adversary
- 13 Nevada resort area
- 14 Stipend
- 15 Peter Parker's alter ego
- 17 Rangers' place
- 18 Eggs
- 19 Motes
- 21 Squandered
- 24 Fork feature
- 25 Pump up the volume
- 26 Kan. neighbor
- 28 Homebound, to Santa Claus
- 31 Picnic hamper
- 33 Off-bracketed word
- 35 Writer Teasdale
- 36 Crowd, sometimes
- 38 "Nonsense!"
- 40 Mongrel
- 41 Has
- 43 Bicycle attachment
- 45 Immobilize
- 47 George's brother
- 48 Actress Irving
- 49 Band in a 1984 parody
- 54 Round Table address
- 55 Dialogue
- 56 Census stat
- 57 Bake-sale org.
- 58 Bridge positions

Down

- 1 Conditions
- 2 Prune
- 3 Mainlander's memento
- 4 Mr. Spielberg
- 5 Processions
- 6 Resistance unit
- 7 Friars Club event
- 8 Alley target
- 9 Kitchen-wall convenience
- 10 Cabbie
- 11 Keeps tabs on
- 16 Minutia for Seurat
- 20 Slaughter of baseball lore
- 21 Part of a Wicked Witch costume
- 22 Oriental nursemaid
- 23 Freshwater algae genus
- 27 Clothing protector
- 29 Authentic
- 30 Rodgers partner
- 32 Salamander
- 34 Group of advisers
- 37 Strand
- 39 Annoy repeatedly
- 42 Old photo shade
- 44 Actor Minoe
- 45 Paddock fastener
- 46 Leave out
- 50 Officeholders
- 51 Bill
- 52 Past
- 53 Chapel seat

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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CRYPTOQUIP

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M N ' K C M Y C N M S I !
Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A PORCUPINE
PLAYED VOLLEYBALL, YOU'VE GOTTA THINK
HE'D BE FANTASTIC AT SPIKING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals H

Cal host on poker night extortion

Dear Abby: My friend, "Wilma," recently purchased a house with her husband, "Ken." She frequently "poker nights" and invite quite a few of their friends — and friends of friends.

Since Wilma is presently unemployed, she has instituted a new policy for the games: Everyone must donate a percentage of their winnings to the house. This has offended quite a few of the players. Many of us have offered to bring snacks, drinks, etc., but the donation rule stands and is very much in effect.

May I add that Ken was shocked when Wilma asked for the money. How can we confront her without coming across as rude?

Dear Concerned: Why are you worried about offending someone who is extorting money from you? I don't know how many people participate in these "poker nights," but with a per-

centage of every hand going to the house, Wilma must be making a tidy sum. It shouldn't be necessary to "confront her." If I were you, I'd alternate hosting these games among the participants.

Dear Abby: My father, who is still living, sexually abused me for six or seven years during my childhood. That was 21 years ago. I believe he has gotten help for his "problem" and won't harm anyone else, but I can't be sure.

I have talked to Dad about it, and he says he would never hurt anyone like that again, that he's sorry he ever hurt me.

About six years ago, another family member asked me if I had been sexually abused, and I told her no at the urging of my parents and my husband. She and I both have children.

I allow my son to stay with

Dad, but not my daughter. The other family members are the ones who stay with Dad occasionally.

I feel guilty for not telling her the truth. I would never forgive myself if something happened to her kids because I lied. Should I speak up and let the chips fall where they may, even though it could hurt a lot of people? Or should I just be quiet and observe? It has taken a lot of courage to write this letter, and your advice would be appreciated.

Dear Unsure: Has it occurred

to you that your relative asked you that question because your father had also abused her?

This really bothers me because she has abused her (or him) is not something that ordinarily comes up in conversation for no reason. Yes, you should definitely level with her — and then listen to what she has to say. You owe it to her and the children to be honest.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to ab@jumble.com or <http://www.uxpress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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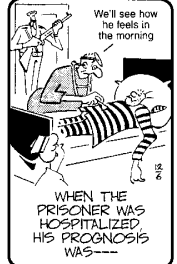
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Print answer here:

Saturday's Jumbles: ADULT SAUTE EMBODY ANKLET
Answer: What it takes to learn to walk down a fashion runway — A 'MODEL' STUDENT

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginton



Now arrange the ciphered letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Take time to get to know fiance

Dear Annie: I am in love with the perfect guy. We have been dating for three months and are so convinced we're perfect for each other that we've announced plans to marry soon.

Why am I worrying? Well, "Monty" has been married twice before, and both marriages ended as a result of his cheating. He swears he is a changed man, and I believe him. He looks me in the eyes and tells me I am the woman he has been searching for and needing all his life, and I know it's true.

I am 30 and have never been married. I can hardly wait to have children with Monty and raise them together. He is excited, too. He is in his mid-40s and has two children who are young teens. He is active in his children's lives, and he and his ex are parenting their kids quite amicably. However, I do sense odd feelings from his associates, but no one has said anything to me. (I did once overhear someone say, "There goes

Annie's Mailbox



the Bill Clinton of Oregon," when we passed by.) I love Monty deeply, yet now that I write this, I have even more doubts in the back of my head. Hurry and give me your advice.

— **Pondering in Portland**

Dear Portland: Monty sounds like a risky proposition, and the fact that you are watching your biological clock may make you feel pressured to marry. You've been dating for only three months. Frankly, that's not enough time to get to know anyone well enough to marry.

Slow down. Knowing Monty's background, we recommend dating him exclusively for one year before making any permanent decisions.

Dear Annie: My parents are quite wealthy. Over the past seven years I'm sure I've worked and saved, because my parents and I feel this is a skill I need to learn. I have given up many

things I wanted in order not to run to Mom and Dad every time I was in a bind. My boyfriend, however, thinks it's OK to use my money every time we eat out because I have rich parents to fall back on and he doesn't.

I was raised to rely on no one — to work hard for what I want. I should mention that this year, I moved back to my hometown, where I haven't been able to find a job. My boyfriend works two jobs, while I am using my savings to pay for our dates.

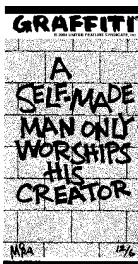
— Bling Bling Bovine
Dear Cash Cow: We think your boyfriend is a freeloader, and if you don't straighten him out immediately, he is likely to continue. If he can't afford to help pay for your dates while you are unemployed, cook at home and rent a video. Once you are back on your feet, however, all expenses should be split between the two of you.

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Family Circus



"Jeff's outsourcing his lunch again!"

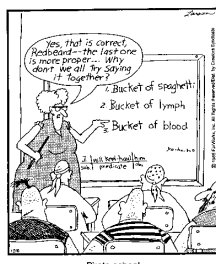


Dennis the Menace



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The Far Side



Non Sequitur



*BUT HOW CAN I LEARN THE VALUE OF MONEY IF YOU DON'T GIVE ME SOME TO PRACTICE ON?

Pirate school

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Northwestern Tech 76, New England 61
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MASS. 74, Hartwick 69
Widener 76, Juniata 67

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Arizona St. 71, Alabama St. 31
Northwestern 76, New England 61

Commerce Bank Holiday Classic
First Round
Kansas St. 48, New Hampshire 50
Liberty 74, Tennessee 38

Gene Hackman Rice Inv.
First Round
Kent St. 79, Texas Southern 48
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First Round
Austin Peay 64, American 51
Columbia 64, Southern Miss. 41

State Farm Holiday Classic
First Round
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Golf
Nedville Challenge
At Gary Player Country Club
Sun City, South Africa
Purse: \$406 million
Yardage: 7,835 Par: 72

Third Round
Lee Westwood, England 70-70-71-211
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Ski racing

Men's World Cup
At Beaver Creek, Colo.
Sled slalom

1. Lasse Kjus, Norway, 2 minutes, 29.82 sec
2. Hermann Maier, Austria, 2:30.71 (1:14.25, 1:16.46)
3. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 2:30.46 (1:14.26, 1:16.20)

4. Axel Lund Svindal, Norway, 2:30.54 (1:15.55, 1:14.99)
5. Stephan Georgi, Austria, 2:30.71 (1:14.25, 1:16.46)
6. Erik Schjorup, United States, 2:30.83 (1:15.55, 1:15.28)

7. Davide Simion, Italy, 2:31.20 (1:16.20, 1:15.00)
8. Didier Defago, Switzerland, 2:31.22 (1:15.77, 1:15.45)
9. Michael Walchhofer, Austria, 2:31.22 (1:15.45, 1:15.77)

10. Marco Bachel, Liechtenstein, 2:31.31 (1:15.25, 1:16.06)

Women's World Cup
At Lake Louise, Alberta
Downhill

1. Hilde Gerg, Germany, 1 minute, 36.01 sec.
2. Renate Goetsch, Austria, 1:36.16
3. Carole Montillet-Carles, France, 1:36.20
4. Maria Obermoser, Austria, 1:36.25

5. Lindsey Kolod, United States, 1:36.27
6. Daniela Cosma, Italy, 1:36.31
7. Petra Halmay, Germany, 1:36.33
8. Michaela Dorfmeister, Austria, 1:36.37

9. Caroline Laval, United States, 1:37.06
10. Janica Kostelic, Croatia, 1:37.07
11. Katja Winkler, Austria, 1:37.34
12. Sylviane Berthod, Switzerland, 1:37.35

13. Britta McCarty, United States, 1:37.37
14. Ingrid Isaksson, Sweden, 1:37.46
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16. Melodie Turpin, Canada, 1:37.50

17. Anna Paquon, Sweden, 1:37.65
18. Kelly Vanderbeek, Canada, 1:37.92
19. Emily Brydon, Canada, 1:38.00
20. Daniela Cadevall, Italy, 1:38.11

21. Barbara Kraus, Italy, 1:38.15
22. Jessica Lindl-Vikary, Sweden, 1:38.16
23. Anne Marie Leifrans, Canada, 1:38.17
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Baseball

Free agent signings

NEW YORK — The 22 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from clubs and managers.

BOSTON (1) — Re-signed Doug Mientkiewicz, to a two-year, \$12 million contract.
DETROIT (1) — Re-signed Bob Wickman, right pitcher, to a one-year, two-year contract.

CLEVELAND (1) — Signed Tony Perovich, right pitcher, to a \$2.2 million, two-year contract.
FLORIDA (1) — Re-signed Daniel Wilson, left pitcher, to a \$2.2 million, two-year contract.

MINNESOTA (1) — Re-signed Jason Varitek, to a \$2.2 million, two-year contract.
NEW YORK (1) — Re-signed Jose Valdes, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract.

TORONTO (1) — Re-signed Jason Flaherty, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract.
WASHINGTON (1) — Signed Jamie Myers, C, to a minor league contract (\$700,000).

CHICAGO (1) — Re-signed Glendon Rusch, right pitcher, to a \$1.5 million, two-year contract.
CINCINNATI (1) — Re-signed Paul Wilson, right pitcher, to a \$1.5 million, two-year contract.

FLORIDA (1) — Re-signed Daniel Wilson, left pitcher, to a \$2.2 million, two-year contract.
NEW YORK (1) — Re-signed Jose Valdes, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract.

MILWAUKEE (1) — Signed Daniel Myers, C, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract.
OAKLAND, to a \$1.5 million, three-year contract.

MONTREAL (1) — Signed Cristian Guzman, SS, to a \$1.5 million, two-year contract.
NEW YORK (1) — Signed Vinny Castilla, 3B, to a \$1.5 million, two-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA (1) — Re-signed Cory Lidle, RHP, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract.
SAN DIEGO (2) — Signed Rudy Seanez, RHP, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO (2) — Signed Omar Vizquez, SS, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract.
ST. LOUIS (1) — Signed Jason Varitek, to a \$2.2 million, two-year contract.

TEXAS (1) — Signed Jason Flaherty, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract.
YANKEES (1) — Signed Jason Flaherty, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract.

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Friday's transactions

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High school scoreboard

Korea

North Carolina holds off Kentucky 91-78

Tar Heels bring end to Wildcats' four-game win streak in series

The Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Jawad Williams found himself in the right place at the right time, with a stern message from assistant coach Steve Robinson fresh in his mind.

"Coach Robinson cussed me out for not playing hard," Williams said with a smile. "He gave me a little extra motivation."

Soon after the tongue-lashing, Williams tipped in a miss to thwart a second-half rally by Kentucky, helping No. 9 North Carolina beat the No. 8 Wildcats 91-78 Saturday in a game between the two winningest programs in college basketball history.

Rashad McCants had 20 of his 28 points in the first half and Sean May scored 11 of his 14 in the first eight minutes of the second, but Williams' basket was equally important. The Wildcats had trimmed what was a 17-point deficit to seven on a three-pointer by Bobby Perry with about four minutes left.

Raymond Felton missed a three-pointer for the Tar Heels, and Williams, who had 19 points, timed his leap perfectly to give North Carolina (6-1) an 81-72 lead. May made a free throw and McCants added two, and Kentucky got no closer than eight thereafter.

Carolina outbounded Kentucky 51-30 with May getting 19.



Miami's Robert Hite drives past Florida's Taurean Green on Saturday during the Hurricanes' 72-65 upset of No. 19 Florida at Gainesville.

No. 2 Kansas 81, Pacific 70: At Lawrence, Kan., Keith Langford had 21 points and seven assists and Wayne Simien had 12 points and 15 rebounds for Kansas (4-0).

Aaron Miles had eight assists and 19 points, one short of the senior guard's career high, for the Jayhawks. Christian Maniker had 22 points for the Tigers (2-1).

No. 5 Illinois 72, Arkansas 60: At North Little Rock, Ark., Roger Powell scored 19 points and Dee Brown and Deron Williams added 13 each as Illinois (6-0) won despite a sluggish offense

and poor free throw shooting. The Illini, playing their first road game, rarely looked like the team that routed top-ranked Wake Forest last Wednesday night.

Arkansas (5-1) kept it close in the second half, but suffered from poor shooting after closing the gap to 57-53 with 7:47 left.

No. 7 Connecticut 74, Indiana 69: At Hartford, Conn., Rashad Anderson scored 17 points and Rudy Gay had 10 rebounds to rally Connecticut (3-0).

The Huskies got a lift from reserve freshman guard Antonio Kellogg, who ignited a 17-1 sec-

ond-half run that erased 13-point deficit.

Kellogg's three-pointer kicked off the spurt and his steal and coast-to-coast layup brought the crowd of 16,294 to its feet. Josh Boone's inside bucket capped the run for a 56-55 Connecticut lead, which the Huskies never relinquished.

Bracey Wright led the Hoosiers (2-2) with 28 points and four steals. It was the second of four straight games for Indiana against ranked opponents. The Hoosiers lost 70-63 at No. 9 North Carolina on Wednesday night. They face No. 20 Notre Dame and No. 8 Kentucky next.

No. 10 Duke 93, Valparaiso 61: At Chicago, J.J. Redick scored 26 points and Duke (5-0) used a smothering defense to rout Valparaiso (0-4) and give coach Mike Krzyzewski his 699th career victory.

Playing in Krzyzewski's hometown, the Blue Devils took control midway through the first half with a 20-4 run and sailed from there. Duke forced 18 first-half turnovers and built a 48-26 lead.

George Washington 96, No. 11 Michigan 81: At Washington, D.C., Pops Mensah-Bonsu scored 23 points, and George Washington (4-1) forced Michigan State (3-2) into 22 turnovers on the way to a surprisingly easy victory.

T.J. Thompson had 18 points and Carl Elliott added 17 for the Colonials, who have won four straight following a season-opening loss to Wake Forest.

No. 12 Maryland 78, George Mason 54: At Washington, D.C., Chris McCray and Nik Carter-Medley each scored 20 points and 12th-ranked Maryland limited George Mason to four first-half baskets.

John Gilchrist had nine points

and nine assists for the Terrapins (4-1). Eager to bounce back from a road loss against 25th-ranked Wisconsin on Tuesday, Maryland took a 16-point lead in the opening 5 minutes and led 38-15 at halftime.

George Mason (3-2) made only four of 72 field-goal attempts in the first half and went 0-for-13 from three-point range.

No. 17 Louisville 95, Lafayette 57: At Louisville, Francisco Garcia scored 25 points and Ellis Miles grabbed 16 rebounds to lead Louisville. Freshman Juan Palacios scored 16 and Larry O'Bannon added 13 for the Cardinals (4-1), playing for the first time since finishing fifth in the Maui Invitational. Garcia also had five assists and seven rebounds.

Paul Cummings scored 13 to lead overmatched Lafayette (1-4), which shot 28 percent and committed 19 turnovers.

No. 18 Texas 70, Seton Hall 62: At East Rutherford, N.J., freshman Daniel Gibson scored 15 points and Texas (5-1) overcame its worst shooting game of the season to beat Seton Hall (2-2). The Longhorns were hitting 50.4 percent from beyond the arc coming in. But they managed only 6-for-17 against Seton Hall.

Miami 72, No. 19 Florida 65: At Gainesville, Fla., Anthony Harris scored 18 of his career-high 23 points in the second half to key Miami (3-2) to an upset of Florida (4-1), giving first-year coach Frank Hambrick his biggest victory.

Michigan 61, No. 20 Notre Dame 60: At Ann Arbor, Mich., Daniel Horton's three-point play with 20.7 seconds to go lifted Michigan (4-3) past Notre Dame (3-1).

Notre Dame's Chris Thomas had two scoring chances in the last 10 seconds, but he missed the first shot and had the second blocked by Brent Petway.

Wake Forest, shaking off first loss, tops Richmond

BY AARON BEARD

The Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Eric Williams had a season-high 21 points Saturday and No. 1 Wake Forest rebounded from its first loss by beating Richmond 90-73.

Justin Gray scored 18 of his 22 points in the first half for the Demon Deacons (6-1), coming off a lopsided loss at Illinois that almost certainly will cost them the No. 1 ranking next week. The Demon Deacons never trailed Saturday, shooting 53 percent and playing improved defense before heading into a nine-day break for final exams.

Jermaine Buckner scored 14 points to lead the Spiders (3-2). Kevin Steenberge, Richmond's leading scorer at 18 points per game, managed just four points and was never a factor.

The Demon Deacons needed this victory after Wednesday's 91-73 loss to the fifth-ranked Illini. In that game, Illinois shot 56 percent, hit 11 three-pointers and led by as many as 32 points in the second half.

As if the Demon Deacons needed any help remembering the loss, a group of local Richmond fans chanted "Illinois! Illinois!" at one point in the first half.

But Wake Forest, which let Illinois do just about anything it wanted, played better defensively against Richmond. The Spiders shot just 39 percent, including a 3-for-14 stretch early in the second half during which the Demon Deacons built a comfortable lead.

Wake Forest had little trouble on offense, shooting 60 percent in the second half and going 22-for-31 from the free-throw line.

The Demon Deacons were their own worst enemy early, committing eight turnovers in the first 10 minutes that helped Richmond hang around. Once they started protecting the ball, the Demon Deacons gradually increased that margin to as much as 23 points late in the game.

Leading 39-30 at the break, Wake Forest scored on its first three possessions after halftime to push the lead to 15. Williams hit two free throws after being fouled inside and also threw down a dunk during that spurt.

Richmond got no closer than 10 points the rest of the way, and Wake Forest turned the final minutes into a display of its high-scoring transition offense — including a slam from Williams off a no-look feed from guard Chris Paul for an 82-61 lead with 4:07 left.

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Virginia Tech wrestles BCS bid from Miami

No. 10 Hokies capture ACC title with 16-10 victory

By TIM REYNOLDS

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Virginia Tech can now proclaim itself the Atlantic Coast Conference's best team — and no one can argue.

The 10th-ranked Hokies capped their inaugural ACC season with the league's outright championship, getting two touchdown passes from Bryan Randall while holding Miami's high-powered offense to 190 yards in a 16-10 victory on Saturday.

Eddie Royal caught a 39-yard touchdown pass from Randall with 11:29 remaining, putting Virginia Tech (10-2, 7-1) ahead to stay.

Miami's Orion Harris blocked the extra-point try, keeping his team within six, but the ninth-ranked Hurricanes never created another scoring chance.

Virginia Tech will learn Sunday to which BCS bowl it's headed; the probable choice is the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 3. Miami — which was the only team to play in the BCS each of the past four seasons, and would have extended that streak with a victory Saturday — will play Florida in the Peach Bowl on New Year's Eve.

The Hurricanes (8-3, 5-3) talked volumes about how this game would be comeuppance for last year's humiliating 31-7 loss in

Blacksburg, wanting to make Virginia Tech pay for waving an "ACC Champions" sign on its sideline following last week's win against Virginia that clinched a share of the ACC crown.

The Hurricanes came up empty on all counts, and lost their home finale for just the second time since 1985.

Virginia Tech entered the game with the ACC's top scoring defense, and thoroughly frustrated Miami's offense all day. Miami quarterback Brock Berlin completed 16 of 31 passes for 139 yards — 98 below his season average. And the Hurricanes managed only 51 yards rushing on 22 attempts.

Randall completed 11 of 18 passes for 148 yards, and Cedric Humes added 110 rushing yards for the Hokies, who were picked to finish sixth in the ACC before the season and won their final eight games to cap a surprising title run.

Virginia Tech led 10-7 at halftime, getting all of its points on possessions immediately following Berlin's turnovers.

Berlin was picked off with 3:22 left in the first quarter, a fourth-and-inches play from the Virginia Tech 35 where he tried to hit Roscoe Parrish — who was double-covered — in the end zone.

Virginia Tech's Eric Green made the interception, the first thrown by Berlin in a span of 163 attempts.

The Hokies responded by marching 80 yards in 10 plays, with Randall tossing a 3-yard pass to Jeff King for the game's first touchdown.

Miami tied it midway through the second quarter on Tyrone Moss' 2-yard run, capping a drive that was set up by freshman Anthony Reddick's blocked punt deep in Virginia Tech territory. Rashaun Jones covered the ball at the 14.

Randall was hit by Miami's Javon Nanton two plays after Moss' TD, fumbling the ball away at the Hokies 18.

But Berlin immediately gave the ball back, getting stripped by Virginia Tech linebacker James Anderson. The Hokies chewed up the final 7:18 of the half, retaining the lead on Brandon Pace's 45-yard field goal.

Another Randall fumble — this time following Roger McIntosh's blindsided hit — gave Miami the ball at the Hokies 30 early in the third quarter, and Jon Peattie's 23-yard field goal with 7:59 left tied the game at 10.

Miami, though, wouldn't score again, and had to watch Virginia Tech celebrate for the second straight year.



Virginia Tech linebacker Mikal Baagee celebrates during the last seconds of the Hokies' 16-10 victory over Miami on Saturday at the Orange Bowl. Virginia Tech won the ACC title and a BCS bowl berth.

Yankees add two relievers, deal away Lofton, Heredia

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees began reshaping their roster Friday, sending outfielder Kenny Lofton and more than \$1.5 million to the Philadelphia Phillies for setup man Felix Rodriguez and also reacquiring Mike Stanton from the Mets.

Stranded by Boston in the AL championship series, the Yankees are expected to make bigger moves later in the offseason, with

free-agent center fielder Carlos Beltran and Arizona ace Randy Johnson figuring to be their top targets.

"The winter is not complete yet," Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman said.

The Yankees got Stanton and \$975,000 from the Mets for Felix Heredia in a swap of left-handed relievers. Stanton waived his no-trade clause to rejoin his former team.

"Everybody wants to play for



the Yankees," Rodriguez said.

Lofton, 37, will be going to his ninth major league team. A six-time All-Star earlier in his career, he hit .275 with seven stolen bases in 83 games in his only season with New York.

"It's been very tough. I'm the type of guy that likes to be settled down," he said on a conference call. "It's been very tough the last three or four years."

"Everybody in New York understood I wanted to play. I just wanted to have an opportunity to perform and be part of the team," he said. "It didn't feel as much a part of the team."

Phillies General Manager Ed Wade envisioned Lofton starting ahead of Marlon Byrd and Jason Michaels.

"A player like Kenny is a big step forward for us," Wade said. "Going into spring training, we believe Kenny is our center fielder and will be a catalyst for this club."

The Yankees still have Bernie Williams to play center, though he could wind up as the designated hitter — or even perhaps their first baseman — if they're able to sign Beltran.

Rodriguez, 32, was 5-8 with one save in 76 games for San Francisco and Philadelphia last season. The Giants traded him to the Phillies for outfielder Ricky

Ledee and a minor league pitcher in late July.

Rockies pitcher Neagle chafed for solicitation

LAKEWOOD, Colo. — Colorado Rockies pitcher Denny Neagle was cited Friday for solicitation after a woman in his car said he paid her \$40 for oral sex, police said.

Neagle, who has not pitched in more than a year because of injuries, was pulled over early Friday in a Denver suburb after an officer saw his sports utility vehicle speeding, police spokesman Steve Davis said.

After Neagle was asked why his belt was unbuckled, the woman with Neagle said he had paid her for sex, Davis said.

Neither Neagle nor the woman, identified as Jill Russell, was taken into custody because the charges were minor misdemeanors. Neagle was issued a court summons for Jan. 27.

Russell was issued a citation on a charge of prostitution and a court summons for Jan. 13.

Rockies President Keli McGreger called the allegation "extremely serious" and said the team was still gathering information.

Backman sentenced for probation violation

KENNEWICK, Wash. — Fired Arizona Diamondbacks manager Wally Backman was sentenced to 10 days in jail Friday for violating

his probation three years ago.

Backman was fired by Arizona last month just four days after he was hired. He was dismissed following revelations he had been arrested twice and struggled with financial problems.

Benton County District Judge Holly Hollenbeck could have ordered Backman to serve as much as 364 days for the probation violation.

Instead, he ordered the 10-day sentence and a \$250 fine.

The Diamondbacks' management had been unaware of Backman's problems until media reports that followed his hiring.

Astros re-sign Vizcaino

HOUSTON — Infielder Jose Vizcaino and the Houston Astros agreed Friday to a \$1.25 million, one-year contract.

Vizcaino, 36, batted .274 with three home runs, a career-high 21 doubles and 33 RBIs for Houston last season. He played in 138 games with 53 starts, most of which came at the end of the season after shortstop Adam Everett went on the disabled list.

"We're very pleased that Jose has decided to continue his relationship with the organization," new Astros General Manager Tim Lincecum said. "Jose was a big reason for our success this season, and we look forward to his contribution in 2005."

Vizcaino, who could also earn up to \$500,000 in performance bonuses, has played with the Astros for four seasons, hitting .280 with 12 homers and 110 RBIs.

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Meyer passes on Notre Dame, accepts Florida job

BY DOUG ALDEN
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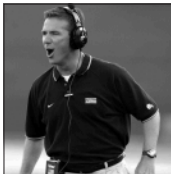
SALT LAKE CITY — Urban Meyer is leaving undefeated Utah to become coach at Florida, where he will quadruple his salary and inherit a talented team completing a frustrating season.

Meyer told his players before practice Saturday what they already knew — that he is taking over the Gators after a two-year run at Utah that vaulted him to the top of many schools' wish lists.

"I avoided it for a long time because I didn't want to distract them and there was nothing to discuss," Meyer said.

Among the schools coveting Meyer was Notre Dame, which sent athletic director Kevin White and the school's new president to meet with the coach on Thursday night. But Meyer said Florida's seven-year, \$14 million offer and the opportunity to coach in one of the top programs in the nation were too good for the 40-year-old coach to pass on.

"People are making this out to be Notre Dame versus Florida. It



After two seasons with Utah, Urban Meyer signed a seven-year deal worth \$14 million to become the coach at Florida.

was not," Meyer said.

Meyer spent five seasons as an assistant at Notre Dame and had an out clause in his contract if the head coaching job was available. But when it became available after Notre Dame fired Tyrone Willingham after his third season, Meyer was already leaning toward Florida.

While Florida has a replacement for Ron Zook, the Notre Dame search continues. White

was at the Notre Dame-Michigan basketball game in Ann Arbor on Saturday and only shook his head when asked if he was discouraged. He said he had no comment on the coaching search.

Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley said Saturday in Gainesville, Fla., that Meyer's contract was for seven years and \$14 million.

Meyer has been a head coach for only four years, spending two seasons at Bowling Green and now Utah, but quickly established himself as a young coach who could turn existing talent into a winning team.

Meyer is 21-2 at Utah, where he won back-to-back Mountain West Conference titles. He is moving into college football's big leagues with Florida in the Southeastern Conference.

"At the University of Florida, you have everything in place to make a run at the whole thing, and that was a factor," Meyer said.

"I also recruited Florida for five years and I understand the type of talent that you're playing with."

Meyer's wide-open offensive system should be welcomed at Florida, where Zook never satisfied fans accustomed to Steve Spurrier's innovative scheme that was fun to watch and tough to stop.

"He's got a presence," Foley said of Meyer. "You walk into a room and you can tell he has a little something about him."

Obviously you look at the job he's done at programs that have been less than successful... I think he can coach. I think he does a great job with his players and has a tremendous work ethic."

Florida scheduled a news conference for Tuesday to introduce Meyer.

The Gators settled for Zook three years ago after Oklahoma's Bob Stoops and Denver Broncos coach Mike Shanahan turned down offers.

Florida went 7-4 this season, with three losses coming in the winning minutes. The Gators are scheduled to play in the Peach Bowl on Dec. 31. It is unclear who will coach Florida at that bowl — Foley said Saturday it will not be

Meyer, who will coach Utah at a bowl game.

Utah athletic director Chris Hill confirmed that Meyer will have one last game on the Utah sideline. The Utes learn Sunday where they're headed when the Bowl Championship Series pairings are announced, making them the first BCS outsider to get one of the eight elite bowl positions.

"We want (Meyer) to coach us," defensive back Bo Nagahi said.

"We started the season with him and we're going to end it with him."

The high-scoring Utes went 11-0 in their second season under Meyer, who also had success at Bowling Green before moving to Utah.

Coaching the Fighting Irish would have entailed high expectations and tough academic standards. Notre Dame fired Tyrone Willingham on Tuesday after three seasons, and immediately targeted Meyer — whose contract included a clause allowing him to leave for a job at Notre Dame, Ohio State or Michigan.

QB LeFors, No. 7 Louisville pile up points vs. Tulane

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Stefan LeFors, who played high school ball in nearby Baton Rouge, threw for one touchdown and ran for another to lead No. 7 Louisville to a 55-7 victory over Tulane on Saturday.

The nation's top-rated passer completed 19 of 27 for 247 yards in one of the best game late in the third quarter. LeFors, a senior, was not recruited by a single Louisiana college but has become the triggerman for one of the most prolific offenses in the country at Louisville.

The Cardinals (10-1, 8-0 Conference USA), ranked first nationally in scoring, were averaging nearly 50 points a game. They reached the 55-point mark for the fifth straight game.

Louisville's lowest scoring game was a 28-0 victory over Kentucky in the season opener. Since then, the Cardinals have scored no fewer than 34 points, a season-high 40 points seven times.

Freshman Louisville kicker Art Carmody broke the NCAA record for consecutive PATs. He kicked seven, giving him 72, breaking the old mark set by Bart Edmonson of Florida in 1995.

Louisville had already clinched the conference regular-season title and a spot in the Liberty Bowl. Tulane (5-6, 3-4) had won three straight, and was hoping for an upset and a shot at a bowl game.

The regular-season finale for both teams was originally scheduled for Sept. 18, but was postponed when Hurricane Ivan threatened the New Orleans area.

Louisville had 522 yards in total offense to 165 for Tulane.

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The Cardinals had 26 first downs to nine for the Green Wave.

Tulane's defense managed to hold the Cardinals to field goals on two of their three scoring drives in the first quarter.

Louisville capped its opening possession with a 30-yard field goal, going up 3-0. On their second possession the Cardinals drove 67 yards with Eric Shelton rushing the final yard to make it 10-0.

Jon Russell blocked a punt that was recovered by Lou Harris, setting Louisville up on the Green Wave 12. The Cardinals settled for a field goal again, however, a 33-yarder that made it 13-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Tulane opened the second quarter with a goal-line stand, stopping Louisville four times from inside the 3-yard line. It was not until Tulane quarterback Richard Irvin fumbled the snap in the end zone. Montavious Stanley drove under the Green Wave center and recovered the football for a Louisville touchdown that made it 20-0.

Louisville closed out the first half with a 3-yard touchdown rush by LeFors to make it 27-0.

The Cardinals added two third-quarter scores, a 9-yard run by Michael Bush and an 18-yard reception by Montrell Jones.

In the fourth quarter Shelton rushed for a 5-yard score, and Kolby Smith ran for a 7-yard TD. Tulane prevented the shutout with a 3-yard touchdown pass from Irvin to Roydell Williams with 2:12 left in the game.



Louisville running back Kolby Smith (33) is brought down by the Tulane defenders during the Cardinals' 55-7 victory Saturday.

No. 19 Pittsburgh 43, South Florida 14

TAMPA, Fla. — Tyler Palko threw for a career-high 411 yards and five touchdowns in three quarters Saturday, helping No. 19 Pittsburgh rout South Florida 43-14 and virtually assure the Panthers the Big East spot in the Bowl Championship Series.

Greg Lee scored on receptions of 18, 6 and 7 yards for T(8-3), while Malcolm Postell returned one of his two interceptions 15 yards for a TD that gave his team a 13-0 lead less than five minutes into the game.

Palko completed 19 of 28 passes and finished his afternoon by throwing for two scores in the last 1:15 of the third quarter.

Marcus Furrman's 11-yard reception finished an eight-play, 93-yard drive, and Palko and 270-yard tight end Eric Gill teamed on an 80-yard TD play on the final play of the period.

The victory was the sixth in seven games for Pitt, which hardly resembled a BCS team in stumbling to 2-2 start that included an overtime victory over Division I-AA Furman and a 12-point loss at Connecticut.

Navy: Defeat drops Army to 6-41 over past four seasons

NAVY, FROM BACK PAGE

Despite finishing with a loss, Army took strides toward rebuilding its program under first-year coach Bobby Ross. The Black Knights snapped a 19-game losing streak and won consecutive games for the first time since 1997.

Last year, Army suffered the ignominy of being the first Division I-A team to finish 0-13, and it

hasn't had a winning season since 1996. The Black Knights return next year to independent status after seven dreadful seasons in Conference USA.

They are a woeful 6-41 over the last four seasons.

Meanwhile, Navy is heading to the Emerald Bowl in San Francisco on Dec. 30 after winning the Commander in Chief's trophy outright for the second consecutive year.



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Trophy, \$50,000 check cap Busch's season

Nextel Cup champ leads drivers into Manhattan for awards party

BY MIKE HARRIS

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kurt Busch's busy week of celebration was capped Friday night with his acceptance of NASCAR's Nextel Cup championship trophy.

A day earlier, he walked out of a midtown hotel and into a crowd of people calling his name and asking for autographs.

He was on the way to lead a noisy, colorful procession of stock cars in a slow parade lap across Manhattan with hundreds of people lining the streets to take in the latter stage.

Thursday night, he addressed champions of NASCAR's far-flung regional series, telling them they could be where he is someday — if they are both good and lucky.

The 26-year-old Busch has won a sort of stunned smile each time he has been feted and praised for winning the Nextel Cup championship in only his fourth full season in NASCAR's top series.

"On Tuesday, I couldn't believe everything that was happening — the TV shows, the dinners, the fans," he said in a rare quiet moment during NASCAR's champions week. "I didn't think it would ever end. Now, I don't want it to end. It's just been amazing."

The finale to the biggest week of his life came when Nextel — ending its first season as the series' title sponsor — presented Busch with a check for \$53.6 million from the 2004 points fund.

That brought Busch's total earnings this year to \$9,677,543.

"It's truly mind-boggling," he said. "The money is something you don't even think about as you're racing for a championship and trying to keep your head above water and just do the best job you can for yourself, your team and the series."

Busch said he was particularly pleased to be able to share the head table at the awards ceremony with team owner Jack Roush and crew chief Jimmy Fenning.

"It's been a fantastic year," Busch said. "We dodged a lot of bullets and I'm just so happy to be able to give Jack his second straight championship and Jimmy his first one. I owe those guys so much."

"Jack took a chance on a driver who maybe had some raw ability but was unproven. We knew we had a championship team and championship equipment, and Jimmy gave me so much of his experience to draw from to learn to be a championship driver."

Matt Kenseth gave Roush his



Kurt Busch, the 2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup champion, makes an acceptance speech at the 2004 NASCAR Awards Banquet in New York's Waldorf Astoria Hotel on Friday.

first Cup title last season, his 16th on a car owner's circuit.

"Both Matt and Kurt have something in common," Roush said. "They are determined to win."

"It shouldn't surprise anybody that Kurt is a champion. It just took him a little while to learn how to get it done, and this won't be his last championship in this decade."

Each of the drivers who made it into NASCAR's first-ever 10-man, 10-race Chase for the Nextel Cup championship was honored Friday night. Also recognized was 11th-place finisher Jamie McMurray. Each collected checks for at least \$1 million.

Nextel, which replaced longtime series sponsor Winston this season, was given the NASCAR Marketing Achievement Award.

Busch, who at times has clashed on and off track with other drivers and has more often than not been booed by the fans, said he thoroughly enjoyed the congratulations from his competitors and the warm smiles and cheers of fans throughout the week here.

"I'm going to do my best to be the kind of champion this year that everyone will be proud of," he said. "And maybe it's a good enough job. They'll let me do it again next year. It's a lot of fun."

Bryan twins rescue U.S. in Davis Cup

The Associated Press

SEVILLE, Spain — The Bryan twins saved the United States from a quick exit in the Davis Cup final.

Bob and Mike Bryan defeated the Spanish pair of Tommy Robredo and Juan Carlos Ferrero on Saturday, winning 6-0, 6-3, 6-2 to leave Spain with a 2-1 lead going into Sunday's reverse singles.

The Spaniards are trying to win their second Davis Cup title. The Americans are trying to win their 32nd title, but their first since 1995.

The Bryans won the first set in 27 minutes, sweeping the Spanish duo as U.S. teammates jumped off the bench to celebrate hard-won points.

Playing before another sellout of 27,200 in Olympic Stadium, the Spaniards rattled down a bit in the second. But the Americans broke Spain's serve to take a 5-3 lead, and Bob Bryan served out the 6-3 set victory.

The Americans broke Spain in the first game of the final set and ended up closing out the match in 1 hour, 39 minutes.

The Bryans — Bob the left-hander and Mike the right-hander — are now 5-0 in the Davis Cup and have not lost a set since joining the team 15 months ago.

Spanish captain Jordi Arrese named Ferrero on Saturday to play doubles with Robredo, replacing 18-year-old Rafael Nadal. Ferrero's second unit in to replace Ferrero in Friday's singles and defeated Andy Roddick.

Miller's run of victories comes crashing to an end

The Associated Press

BEAVER CREEK, Colo. — Bode Miller's string of successes ended Saturday morning as he fell during the first run of a World Cup giant slalom.

Miller, who won four of the first five races this season, came away empty in the GS after missing a gate, and his huge lead in the overall standings was sliced by 80 points, the amount that defending overall champ Hermann Maier of Austria gained by finishing second behind Norway's

Lasse Kjus. Miller has 480 points to Maier's 274.

Kjus, a two-time overall champion who was leading the standings last year when an injury finished his season, claimed his 17th career victory with a two-run time of 2 minutes, 29.82 seconds. Maier was 0.17 seconds in arrears.

Gerg wins women's downhill

LAKE LOUISE, Alberta — Hilde Gerg of Germany captured a women's World Cup downhill

Saturday in heavy snow and fog, winning in 1 minute, 36.01 seconds.

Renate Goetsch of Austria, last year's downhill champion, was second in 1:36.16 in the second downhill of the season. Carole Montillet-Carles of France was third in 1:36.20.

Lindsey Kildow, who won her first career World Cup event by claiming Friday's race, was the top American, on Saturday by claiming fifth, and teammate Caroline Lalive was ninth for the second straight day.

Sports briefs

German guilty of doping horse

GENEVA — Ludwig Beerbaum of Germany was found guilty of riding a doped horse at the Athens Olympics, and the International Equestrian Federation said the country should lose its team jumping gold medal.

The International Olympic Committee's executive board can now strip Germany of its medal, giving the gold to the United States.

Last month, the German equestrian federation said a backup sample had confirmed the initial positive result for Beerbaum's horse, Goldfever. The rider, who has denied cheating, said the banned steroid betamethasone was contained in a skin ointment.

Westwood leads in Sun City

SUN CITY, South Africa — Lee Westwood ignored temperatures in the high 90s to shoot a 1-under 71 Saturday and take the lead after three rounds of the Nedbank Challenge.

Westwood, who had a three-round total of 5-under 211, held a one-shot lead over Retief Goosen and a two-shot margin

over Stuart Appleby heading into Sunday's final round.

Hornets trade for Dickau

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Hornets traded veteran guard Darrell Armstrong to the Dallas Mavericks for third-year player Dan Dickau.

The 36-year-old Armstrong was brought in to lead the Hornets' second unit, but often started this season and last because of injuries to Baron Davis, who currently is out with an inflamed disk in his lower back.

Armstrong has averaged 10.6 points and four assists in 93 games with New Orleans.

Utah begins coach search

SALT LAKE CITY — Now that the Urban Meyer era at Utah is officially coming to an end, the Utes are looking for a new coach.

Meyer told his team Saturday that he's leaving for Florida, sparking Utah athletic director Chris Hill's second coaching search in two years.

Defensive coordinator Kyle Whittingham and offensive coordinator Mike Sanford are the most experienced candidates on the Utah staff, but Utah isn't the only school interested in them. UNLV has spoken with Sanford and BYU has contacted Whittingham.

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McCain threatens baseball with steroid legislation

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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As Major League Baseball's steroids scandal widened to include the sport's most prolific current home run hitter, Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., said Friday that he will introduce legislation imposing drug-testing standards on professional athletes if baseball players and owners do not adopt a string-

ent crackdown on steroids by January.

In the wake of the disclosure that San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds used substances provided him by a trainer who has been indicted in a steroid distribution ring, McCain, in an interview, gave baseball until next month to adopt the more stringent drug testing requirements of minor league baseball or face federal action.

"Major League Baseball players and owners should meet im-

mediately to enact the standards that apply to the minor leagues, and if they don't, I will have to introduce legislation that says professional sports will have minimum standards for testing," McCain said after returning from a European trip late Friday. "I'll give them until January and then I'll introduce legislation."

Under the threat of federal intervention, Major League Baseball officials promised rapid action to impose stringent drug testing.

Commissioner of Baseball Bud Selig brought up the steroid issue at a conference call with the 30 owners of the major league franchises Friday, a call originally scheduled to approve the relocation of the Montreal franchise to Washington. According to two sources familiar with the phone discussion, Selig reiterated what he had said Thursday in Washington—that baseball needs a tougher steroid policy, and that he intends to have something new in place by a January owners' meeting.

Selig told team owners during Friday's phone call that the league and the union had been making progress on a new, tougher drug policy when the latest drug scandal erupted. Selig said if the league did not have a new policy in time for spring training, the league may take more aggressive public action, although he was not specific.

Selig on Friday urged the players' union to advance a policy aimed at abolishing the use of illegal drugs in baseball.

A long-feared scandal arrives at last

Baseball's steroid scandal could be coming soon six years ago.

The Olympics have feared the one unfolding now for two decades.

A series of federal grand jury testimony

link the San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds, the New York Yankees' Jason Giambi and Olympic star Marion Jones to steroids distributed by the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

The revelations are no surprise after years of widespread suspicions that some of the world's greatest athletes have been building better bodies through chemistry. Baseball struggled when Mark McGwire acknowledged using an undisclosed steroid, and the counter-steroid precursor that has since been banned, during his

70-homer season in 1998.

When Jose Canseco and Ken Caminiti, two former MVPs, admitted using steroids and alleged many others were doing the same, baseball still did little. Bullied by the players' association, the sport was slow to set up a drug-testing program that even now does not have random, year-round testing.

That head-in-the-sand mentality has come back to haunt the game and tarnish Bonds' pursuit of Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron's career home run marks.

Reports in the San Francisco Chronicle that Giambi told a federal grand jury he used human growth hormone and steroids, and that Bonds testified he used a clear substance and a cream supplied by BALCO to his trainer, brought quick condemnation of the sport's approach to performance-enhancing drugs. The substances Bonds described are similar to steroids at the center of the scandal.

"It shows the problem is endemic in baseball," World Anti-Doping Agency chief Dick Pound told The Associated Press on Friday.

"It also shows that the so-called efforts to determine whether there was a 'problem' was limited to anabolic steroids with full warnings to everybody, ignoring all the other stuff that's clearly being used, and followed by a set of ludicrous sanctions. It indicates that baseball is not at all serious about this."

There is no shock, either, in BALCO founder Victor Conte's claims that he sat beside Jones as she injected herself with human growth hormone three years ago, the day before a track meet in California. Suspicions have surrounded Jones for years, and she remains under investigation by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

"She pulled the spandex of her bicycle shorts above her right thigh," Conte wrote in a first-person account for ESPN: The



AP

The San Francisco Chronicle has reported that Barry Bonds testified to a grand jury that he used a clear substance and a cream given to him by a trainer who was indicted in a steroid-distribution ring, but said he didn't know they were steroids.

Magazine. "She dialed up a dose of four-and-a-half units of growth hormone and injected it into her quadriceps."

Conte said he started working with Jones, at the request of her then-husband and coach C.J. Hunter, before the 2000 Sydney Games, where she won three gold and two bronze medals.

"I started providing her with insulin, growth hormone, EPO and 'The Clear,' as well as nutritional supplements," said Conte, who identified "The Clear" as the designer steroid THIG, which could not be detected by tests at the time.

"Victor Conte's allegations about me are not true, and the truth will come out in the appropriate forum," Jones said in a statement to AP on Friday. "I have instructed my lawyers to vigorously explore a defamation lawsuit against Victor Conte."

The Olympics have been worried about a scandal involving this big a star since the Ben Johnson case stained the 1988 Seoul Games.

Jones should be stripped of her Olympic medals if allegations that she used banned drugs before the Sydney Games prove to be true, Pound said.

Jones, however, has repeatedly denied using performance-enhancing drugs, and her attorney, Richard M. Nichols, said Conte is not credible.

Bonds and Giambi also have denied using steroids, but their grand jury testimony last year and reported by the Chronicle this week contradicted what they said in public.

Bonds testified that in 2003 he used a

clear substance and a cream given to him by his friend and trainer, Greg Anderson, but didn't know they were steroids, according to the report.

During the three-hour proceeding, the Chronicle reported, two prosecutors presented Bonds with documents that allegedly detailed his use of a long list of drugs: human growth hormone, Depo-Testosterone, undetectable steroids known as "the cream" and "the clear," insulin and Clomid, a drug for female infertility sometimes used to enhance the effect of testosterone.

The documents, many with Bonds' name on them, are dated from 2001 through 2003.

Bonds, who hit a record 73 homers in 2001, said Anderson told him the substances were the nutritional supplement flavo-oid and a rubbing ball for arthritis.

Bonds' attorney, Michael Rains, said the leak of grand jury testimony was an attempt to smear his client. He also maintained Bonds testified truthfully before the grand jury.

"His statement would be to you if he were standing here, he did not take anything illegal," Rains said.

Even if the substances Bonds took were steroids, Rains said they were not banned by baseball at the time and the slugger believed they were natural. Bonds also maintains the substances did nothing to aid his rise as one of the game's greatest home run hitters, Rains said.

"Barry was tested several times this year and the results of those tests were negative," said Bonds' agent, Jeff Borris.

How this all plays out for Bonds, Giambi and baseball is uncertain.

Bonds could face charges if prosecutors believe he lied in his grand jury testimony. His records might be stained, but his eventual election to the Hall of Fame probably won't be jeopardized. The 40-year-old slugger has hit 401 home runs behind only Ruth (714) and Aaron (755).

Giambi's testimony could lead the Yankees to terminate his \$120 million contract and allow baseball's Commissioner Bud Selig to discipline him.

For baseball, it is stuck in the mud of a scandal that won't go away.

Selig said he's committed to riding baseball's reputation as the cleanest sport and is calling on the players' association to adopt a stronger drug-testing policy modeled after the minor league program.

Selig said the use of the substances continues to raise issues regarding the game's integrity and raises serious concerns about the health and well-being of our players," the commissioner said.

Selig didn't take that attitude six years ago when a bearded-up McGwire was hammering homers. Maybe now, he can persuade the union to change its attitude, too.

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Conte interview shown on ABC

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Victor Conte said he supplied performance-enhancing drugs to track star Marion Jones, Tim Montgomery and Kelli White, but stopped short of saying that Barry Bonds was a steroids user.

Conte, head of the lab that allegedly provided steroids and other banned drugs to elite athletes, reiterated comments first released by ABC a day earlier, and named names on "20/20" on Friday night.

He was indicted in February by the grand jury investigating the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. Conte, BALCO vice president James Valente, Bonds' personal trainer Greg Anderson and track coach Renni Korchemyk all have pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Conte said that he gave drugs to Anderson, but had no knowledge of what became of the substances after that. He said Anderson could've given them to his clients, but no information whether they were passed on to the San Francisco Giants slugger.

Conte said he started supplying Jones with doping substances in the weeks leading up to the 2000 Olympics and watched as she injected herself with human growth hormone.

Jones, who won three gold and two bronze track and field medals in Sydney, repeatedly has denied ever using banned drugs.

"I think she made her decision and she's going to have to be accountable to the consequences of her decision," Conte said.

Conte said ABC "didn't want to know."

"If she said she didn't use drugs, then she lied."

The fact that Jones has never failed a drug test came as no surprise to Conte, who developed chemical treatments that for a long time were undetectable by outdated testing.

He smiled when he was shown a letter sent to Montgomery, informing the track star that he passed a drug test during the 2000 Olympics.

Conte said that he passed a drug test during the 2000 Olympics.

"There are thousands of those letters that athletes have, and I'm sure they chuckle every time they get them," Conte said on "20/20."

Conte said he provided various drugs to Jones, Montgomery and White and designed doping regimens that included the previously undetectable steroid THIG, the endurance-enhancing hormone EPO, human growth hormone and insulin.

He also said that he gave substances to Oakland Raiders players Bill Romanowski, Barret Robertson, Chris Corneil, and Dana Stubblefield.

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Polanco, Navy pummel Army

Bowl-bound Midshipmen beat Black Knights 42-13

BY ROB MAADDI

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — All that was missing from the patriotic fervor of the traditional rivalry between Army and Navy was competition.

Aaron Polanco threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score, leading Navy to a 42-13 victory over Army on Saturday in the 105th meeting between the service academies.

President Bush attended the game for the first time since 2001 at Veterans Stadium, taking part in the coin toss by flipping a commemorative coin sent from the Iraqi city of Fallujah.

Bowl-bound Navy (9-2) hadn't won nine games since Heisman Trophy winner Roger Staubach quarterbacked the Midshipmen to a 9-1 record in 1963.

Navy has won five of the last six meetings to tie the overall series at 49-49-7. The Midshipmen have outscored Army 134-31 in the last three games.

Kyle Eckel had a career-high 179 yards rushing and a TD for Navy. Carlton Jones ran for 98 yards and Zac Dahman threw two TDs for Army (2-9).

One of the most storied rivalries in college sports, the game was even more significant this year because of the war in Iraq. A moment of silence was held before the game for all deployed military forces.

About one dozen parachutists descended onto the field, with one member from the Army's Golden Knights and another from the Navy's Leapfrogs delighting the sell-out crowd of 67,882 at Lincoln Fi-

nancial Field by landing at mid-field.

Four fighter jets and seven helicopter gunships roared over the stadium just before Bush walked out to midfield for the coin toss.

Earlier, Bush spoke to both teams in their locker rooms and later took a picture with both cheerleading squads.

After a scoreless first quarter, Navy scored twice in the next four minutes.

Polanco's 10-yard TD run gave the Midshipmen a 7-0 lead. A 44-yard run by Eric Roberts gave Navy a first down at Army's 22.

Two plays later, Polanco ran in for his 13th rushing TD this season.

After Army went three-and-out, Navy took over at its 47. One play after Polanco completed a 6-yarder to Jason Tomlinson on a fourth-and-5, Eckel burst up the middle for a 23-yard TD run to make it 14-0.

Josh Smith returned an interception 67 yards, giving Navy a 21-0 lead later in the second quarter. Dahman eluded a sack, started to scramble, stopped and tossed the ball into Smith's hands.

After a 12-yard TD pass from Polanco to Mick Yokitis put Navy ahead 28-0, Dahman connected with Jeremy Trimble for a 6-yard TD pass to make it 28-7 in the final minute of the first half.

Polanco tossed a 9-yard TD pass to Roberts in the third quarter.

Dahman threw an 8-yard TD pass to Aaron Alexander in the fourth.

Lamar Owens capped the scoring with a 17-yard TD run.

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U.S. NAVY/AP

Navy quarterback Aaron Polanco threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score in the Midshipmen's 42-13 victory over Army on Saturday in Philadelphia. The all-time series is tied 49-49-7.

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